



9784091337450

1929979004002

ISBN978-4-09-133745-0

C9979 ¥400E

定価：本体400円+税

雑誌 46047-45 小学館

Petit Comic
フラワーコミックス
アルファ
FCα

結果として
彼女は北斗の
進む道に疑問を
抱くように...

千和は少しでも
夫の出世の
役に立とうと
彼の父に接触するが、

身も心も結ばれ、
ようやく本当の意味での
夫婦になった
千和と北斗

ここで千和は一人
北斗の母の死の
真相を知ろうとするが、

こんなアリ!?な
ウエディング
ラブ
ストーリー
第6巻!

人は
如何なる
理由で 結婚
するのか
?

presented by Maki Enjoji

円城寺マキ

小学館
FCα3745

Betsu Comic & Flower Comics Alfa

HAPPY MARR

~ Happy Marriage!? ~

ENJOUJI MAKI

6



HAPPY MARRY

~Happy Marriage!~

CHARACTER



MAMIYA CHIWA

(MAIDEN NAME:
TAKANASHI)
24 YEARS
OLD. A LITTLE
CLUMSY AVERAGE
WOMAN.

MAMIYA HOKUTO

29 YEARS OLD.
SHREWD AND CAPABLE
PRESIDENT OF MAMIYA
ENTERPRISES.



SOUMA TAEKO

SECRETARY ATTACHED TO THE PRESIDENT. LOOKS YOUNG, BUT IS ACTUALLY 56 YEARS OLD.



ASAHINA KANAME

CHIWA'S UNIVERSITY SENPAI AND CURRENT BOSS AT THE COMPANY.

STORY

Chiwa's motto: "I absolutely do not dream of men! I will live a steady life!" ... or at least it was. But her circumstances were completely overturned when she married the president of her company, Hokuto because she had to pay off a debt her father left her. Even though it was a contract-marriage, Chiwa fell in love with Hokuto. They even finally had sex for the first time and "became real husband and wife." The distance between them is melting and Chiwa wants to be of help to him, so she goes to visit his father who is in hospital. And there, she started to have second thoughts about Hokuto's wild ambition to become president of Mamiya in order to learn the truth about his mother's death...

HAPPY MARCH

~Happy Marriage!~



Contents

21th Step

Do you want to know everything about him? 5

22th Step

Is it a crime to be jealous? 51

23th Step

What can I do for you? 95

24th Step

May I walk by your side? 135

SM Holic..... 179

The SM Holic came home + N 182

Petit Comic Flower Comics Alfa





24th Step
Do you want to know
everything about him?

"THAT'S
ALL."

"DO NOT
LET HIM
BECOME
LIKE ME."

I went to
the hospital to
visit Hokuto's
father.

I believed it
would aid his
promotion.

But what
awaited me
there

sigh

Of what
might happen if
you seek power
in Mamiya.

was a stern
warning.

I'm in between
a rock and a
hard place!

WAHH,
WHAT
SHOULD I
DO?!

AND
HOKUTO
HIMSELF IS THE
LAST PERSON I
CAN ASK FOR
ADVICE!

CLICK

AH.

HE'S
BACK.

W-
WELCOME
HOME...

OPEN

Hokuto
wants to
know the
truth about
his mother's
death.

That's why
he's been aiming
for the position
of president.

And
now, just
when he finally
made a step
towards his
goal...



WHY
IN THE
WORLD DID
YOU GO TO
VISIT THAT
MAN...?!



NO!

EH...
WHY...
DID
SOLIMA-
SAN TELL
YOU...?

**IT
DOESNT
MATTER
WHO
DID!**



A black and white manga-style illustration. The top half shows a close-up of a man with dark, wavy hair, wearing a suit and tie, shouting with his mouth wide open. He is looking towards the left. In the background, a woman with long, light-colored hair is visible, looking up at him with a concerned expression. The bottom half shows the man from a slightly different angle, still shouting, with his arms crossed. The woman is in the foreground, looking up at him. The background is simple, with some vertical lines suggesting an indoor setting.

I knew
he'd be mad
if he found
out.

But I can't
believe he's
taking it
this far.

AH...
I THOUGHT
IT WOULD HELP
YOUR PROMOTION
IF I WENT TO
SEE HIM...

YOUR
FATHER
SEEMS TO
HOLD A LOT
OF POWER IN
MAMIYA...

WHY
DIDN'T YOU
LISTEN TO
ME?!

I TOLD
YOU NOT
TO GET INVOLVED
WITH HIM.
WHICH PART
OF THAT DIDN'T
YOU UNDER-
STAND?!

BUT I
COULDN'T
JUST WATCH
AND DO
NOTHING.

I NEEDED
TO SEE AND
THINK FOR
MYSELF!

...!
WHO
ASKED
YOU TO DO
SUCH A
THING..?!



Damn!

FOR
ONCE,
LISTEN TO
WHAT I
TELL
YOU!

I
TOLD YOU TO
STAY OUT OF
THIS! DON'T
DO ANY-
THING!

WHAT-
EVER!



I
WON'T !



IT TURNS
OUT I'M NOT
ALLOWED TO
SEE AND THINK
FOR MYSELF,
WHEN ALL IS
SAID AND
DONE?

SO
WHAT?

Sad
I LOVE YOU,
HOKUTO, SO I
CAN'T IGNORE
THIS OR JUST
LEAVE IT
ALONE



WE ARE
HUSBAND
AND WIFE,
AREN'T
WE?!

I
KNEW YOU
WOULDN'T
LIKE IT,

DON'T
DENY AT
LEAST
THIS!

BUT I
WANTED TO
DO SOME-
THING FOR
YOU.



WE'RE
RUNNING ON
DIFFERENT
TRACKS.



W-WAIT!

AND
YOU DON'T
GO ANY-
WHERE NEAR
THAT MAN
AGAIN.

I'M
GOING
TO BATH
AND THEN
TO BED

IT'S
NO USE
TALKING
ABOUT IT
ANYMORE

EH ?



HE
SAID YOU
SHOULDN'T
BECOME
LIKE HIM

YOUR
FATHER

WAS
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU..!

EVEN
IF YOU
ARE CHASING
AFTER POWER
LIKE HE
DID.

HE SAID
YOU SHOULDN'T
BECOME THE KIND
OF PERSON NOBODY
WOULD VISIT AT THE
HOSPITAL EVEN
WHEN THEY'RE IN
A BAD CONDITION...



HEY,
HOKUTO,
ARE YOU SURE
THAT HE REALLY...
I MEAN, YOUR
MOTHER,
DID HE .

I
CAN'T
HELP
THINKING
THAT THIS
CAN'T BE
TRUE.

GRAB





I'LL
SLEEP
ON THE
COUCH.



IF
YOU DON'T
BELIEVE
ME,

step
back

AND
YOU .. DO
WHAT YOU
WANT.

THERE'S ALL
THE MORE
REASON TO
KEEP AWAY
FROM ALL
THIS.



LIGH ..

What
the...

You don't
believe me
either,
Hokuto...



Inside him,
there was a
feeling towards
you Hokuto

He didn't
sweet talk
himself out
of it

which
was not unlike
the one I have
for you

Being
who I am
I could
tell



I
want to
know

What
happened
between you and
your father,
Hokuto?



and more
importantly,
for the sake
of his future

For the sake
of our future
together

But now

It's been
some time,
Hokuto's
mother.

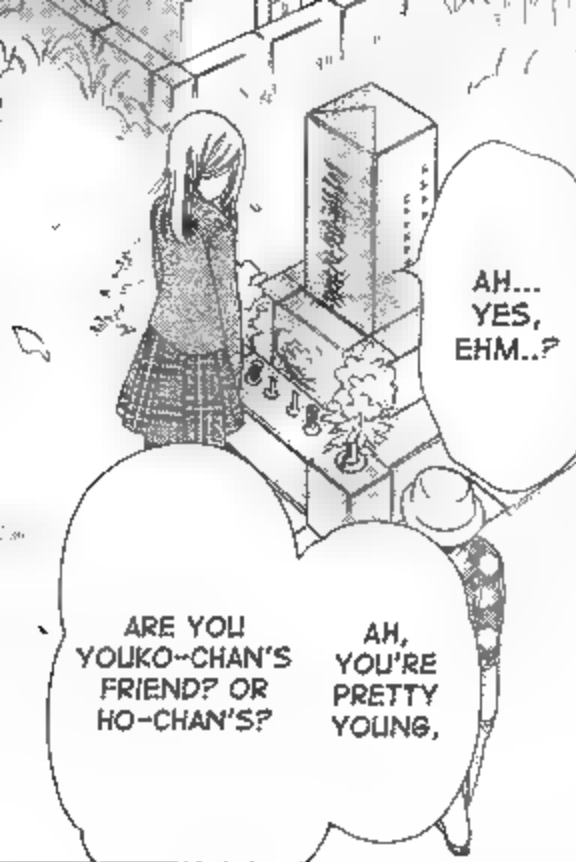
I'm
Chiwa.
I became
Hokuto's
wife.

he
and I have
quarrelled over the
circumstances of
your death...

please, help me
find out what I
want to know,
mother...

That's why
Hokuto's
not with
me today

AH,
MY!



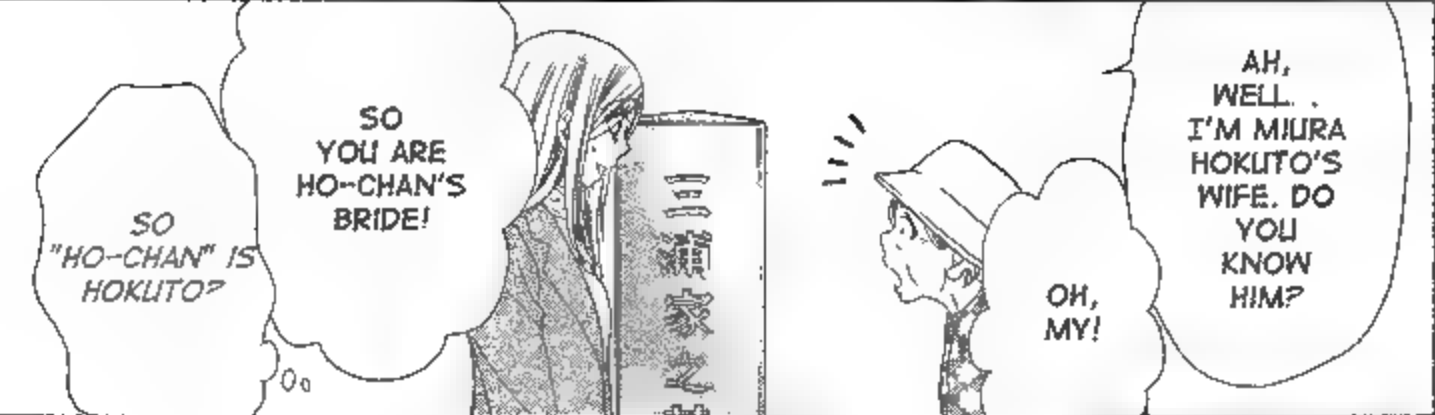
AH...
YES,
EHM..?

ARE YOU
YOUKO-CHAN'S
FRIEND? OR
HO-CHAN'S?

AH,
YOU'RE
PRETTY
YOUNG,



SO
SOMEONE
REALLY
COMES
TO VISIT THIS
GRAVE!



SO
"HO-CHAN" IS
HOKUTO?

SO
YOU ARE
HO-CHAN'S
BRIDE!

AH,
WELL...
I'M MIURA
HOKUTO'S
WIFE. DO
YOU
KNOW
HIM?

OH,
MY!



YES.

YES
YOUKO-CHAN
DIDN'T SEEM TO
HAVE ANY RELA-
TIVES AT ALL, SO
I SOMETIMES
COME TO WEED
OUT THIS
PLACE.

SO
YOU WERE
LANDLADY OF
THE APART-
MENT THEY
RENTED?

Very
rarely,
but I do

I
DIDN'T
SEE IT,
THOUGH.

THE
ACCIDENT
HAPPENED
BEFORE THE
VERY DOOR-
STEP OF MY
HOME.

The
period of
Hokuto's life
I wanted
to know
about...

WHEN
YOUKO-CHAN
WAS LATE
FROM WORK,
HO-CHAN
WOULD
COME TO
ME

I REMEM-
BER THOSE
TWO VERY
WELL.



YOUKO-CHAN
PROTECTED
HO-CHAN, WHO
WAS ABOUT TO
BE RUN OVER
BY A CAR

ACCORDING
TO PEOPLE
WHO DID
SEE IT,

IT'S
BEEN
ABOUT 20
YEARS SINCE
THAT HAP-
PENED

THEY WERE
VERY CLOSE
TO EACH
OTHER



What
is the meaning
of this...

It's different from
the impression I had
before...

AH,
YES

GIVE
HO-CHAN
MY BEST

IF
YOU'LL
EXCUSE
ME
NOW

"That man is the
one who killed my
mother."

"PRO-
TECTED" ?

IT'S
A SAD
STORY

WHY
DID SUCH
A THING HAD
TO HAPPEN TO
THE MOTHER
AND CHILD
WHO WERE
ALL ALONE
IN THE
WORLD?

定食

の

屋

OPEN

*SIGN RESTAURANT, MARUYA

Hokuto

WAS
THE CAR
HEADING
FOR BOTH
OF THEM?

HOW-
EVER THAT
MAY BE .

HOKUTO'S
MOTHER
WAS PRO-
TECTING
HIM...?

saw
his mother
die before his
eyes? .



Maybe
what I did

I
came here
supposedly
for his sake,
but

It's
starting
to become
frightening.

will
reopen
Hokuto's
wound..?

if he's
hiding a
wound so deep
I couldn't even
imagine...



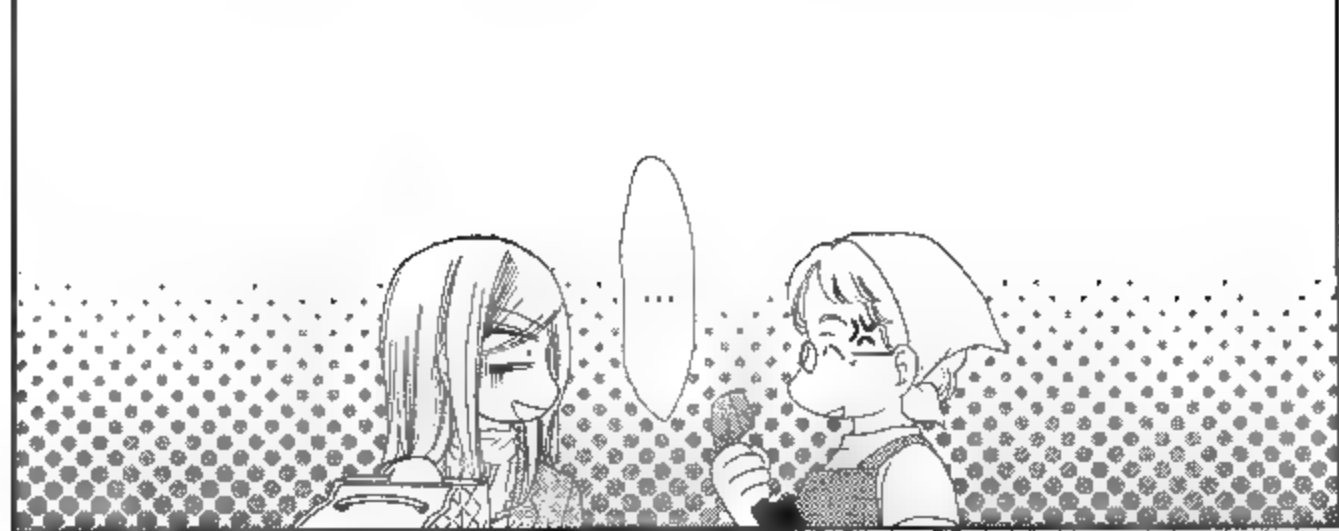
EHM,
MY
WALLET?

EH?
EHM...

IT'S
GONE..?

THAT'LL
BE 950
YEN.

If that's
so, then I
should
just—



Naka-
hara
Njou
Police

Nakahara Town Njou
Police Station

I'M
TELLING
YOU~

I LOST MY
WALLET!

HERE!
CALL THIS
NUMBER!

AH,
YES!

SO,
WHAT
WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO DO
NOW?

I
DIDN'T HAVE
THE TINIEST
INTENTION TO
EAT WITHOUT
PAYING!

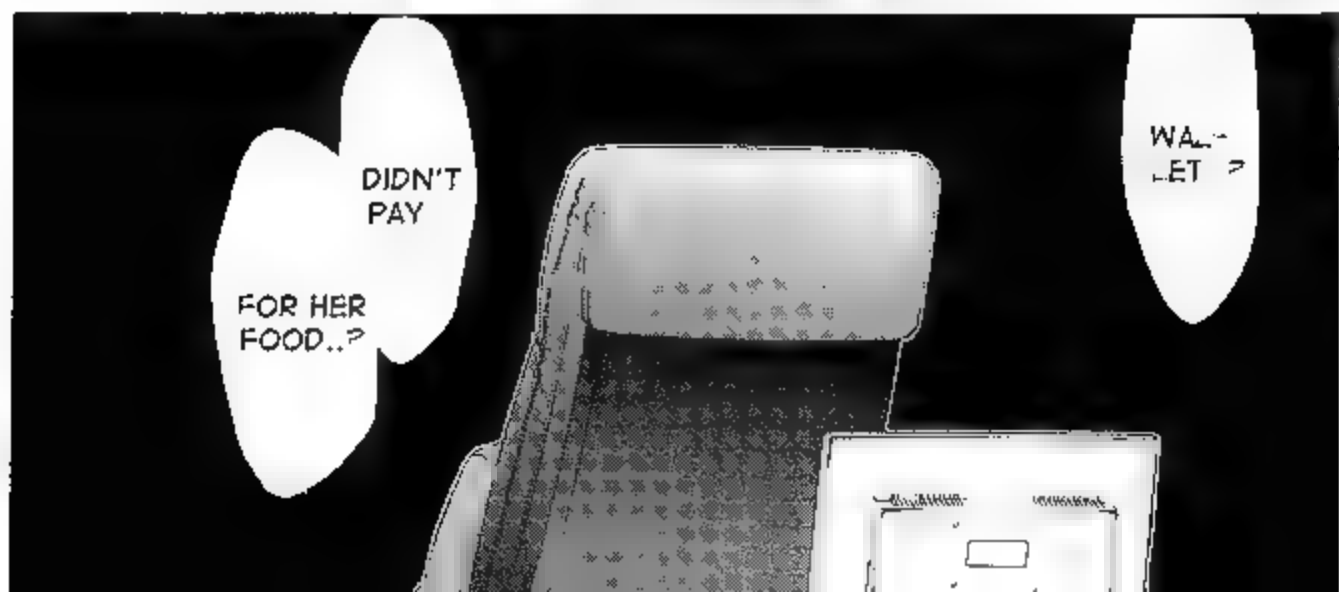
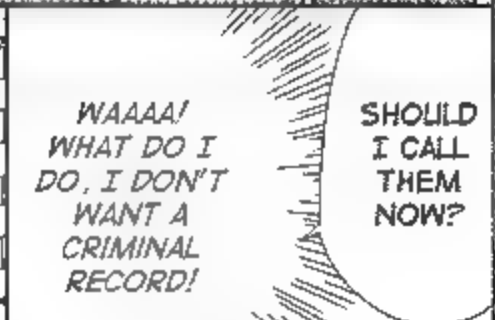
IT'S
MY HUS-
BAND'S—

IF WE
CONTACT
YOUR
FAMILY,
HAVE
SOMEONE
VERIFY
YOUR
IDENTITY
AND PAY,
WE'LL LET
YOU GO
FOR
TODAY

BUT THE
FACT IS
THAT YOU
DID NOT
PAY.

AH,
YOU'LL
HAVE TO FILL
IN ANOTHER
FORM FOR
LOST PROP-
ERTY.









I'M
VERY
SORRY



AH

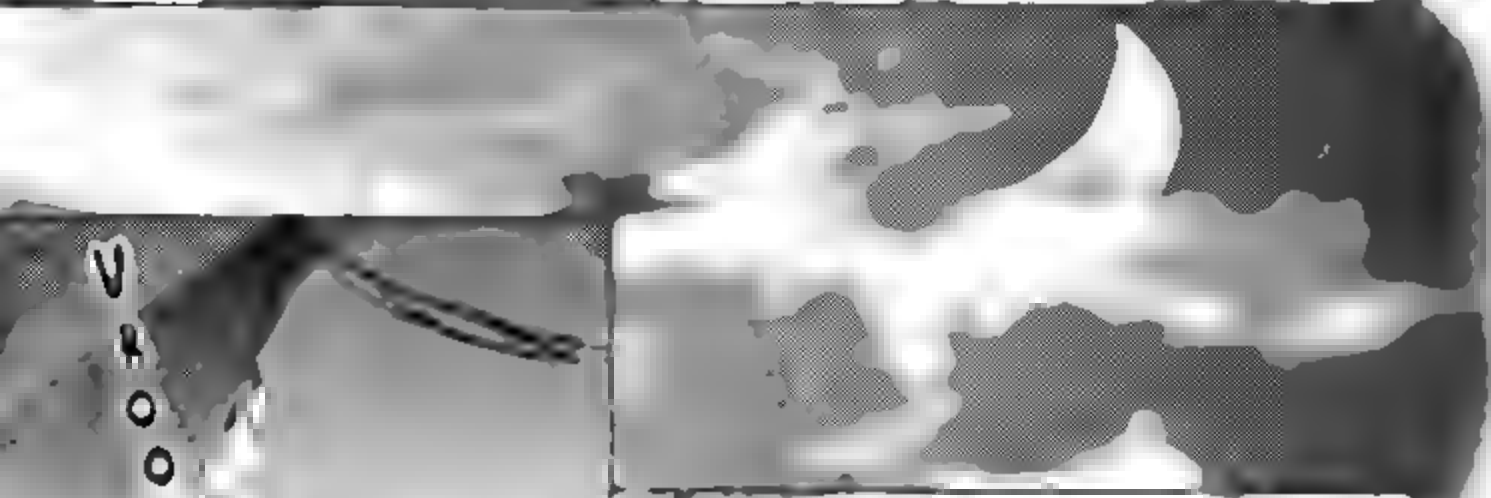
HE'S
FINALLY
HERE



FOR
THE
TROU-
BLE...

ROLLING THUNDER











How
many days
has it been
since I slept in
the same
room as
Hokuto?



We've
been sleeping
separately
since we had
that quarrel.



I might
have heard
what the
landlady had
to say



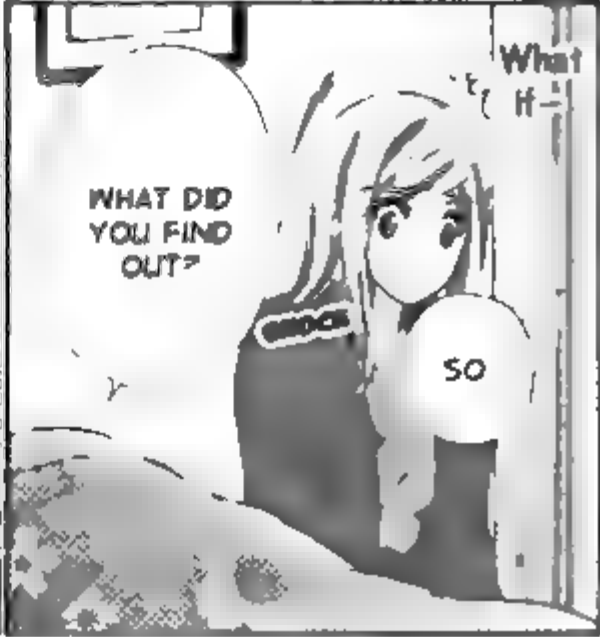
I MET
THE LAND-
LADY OF THE
APARTMENT
WHERE YOU
USED TO LIVE
WITH YOUR
MOTHER

WE
MET BY
CHANCE AND
SHE STARTED
TALKING ABOUT
THE ACCI-
DENT



WHAT DID
YOU FIND
OUT?

What
if—



SO



CAME TO
US

WHEN I
WAS ABOUT
EIGHT YEARS
OLD

THAT
MAN.

MY OLD
MAN



HERE,
THIS IS
A PRE-
SENT.

TO
CELEBRATE
OUR GETTING
TOGETHER.



I'VE
BEEN LOOK-
ING FOR
YOU FOR SO
LONG NICE
TO MEET
YOU!

Without any
introduction, he
started talking
to me as if we
were close.

AH,
ARE YOU
HOKUTO-
KUN?



WAIT.

I'M
NOT A
STRAN-
GER.



THEY
TOLD
US

NEVER
TO ACCEPT
PRESENTS
FROM
STRAN-
GERS.

IT'S
A GUY
RANGER'S
TRIPLE
TRANSFOR-
MATION
ALLOY
ROBOT

--
Or at
least
that's
what
I'm
told



I'M
YOUR
FATHER.

I'M...



At first, I
didn't under-
stand what
he was talk-
ing about.



But
what I did
understand
was



I
TOLD YOU
NOT TO
COME!

AGAIN

I had
never heard
that I had a
father.



to
make sure
we won't
run away.

Eventually,
mother and
I were placed
under surveil-
lance,

that the man
calling himself
"father" and my
mother did
know each
other.

BUT AT
THIS RATE,
THE TWO
OF YOU—

YOU
DON'T
EXPECT ME
TO BELIEVE
SUCH A
STORY,
DO YOU?!

IT'S
FINE

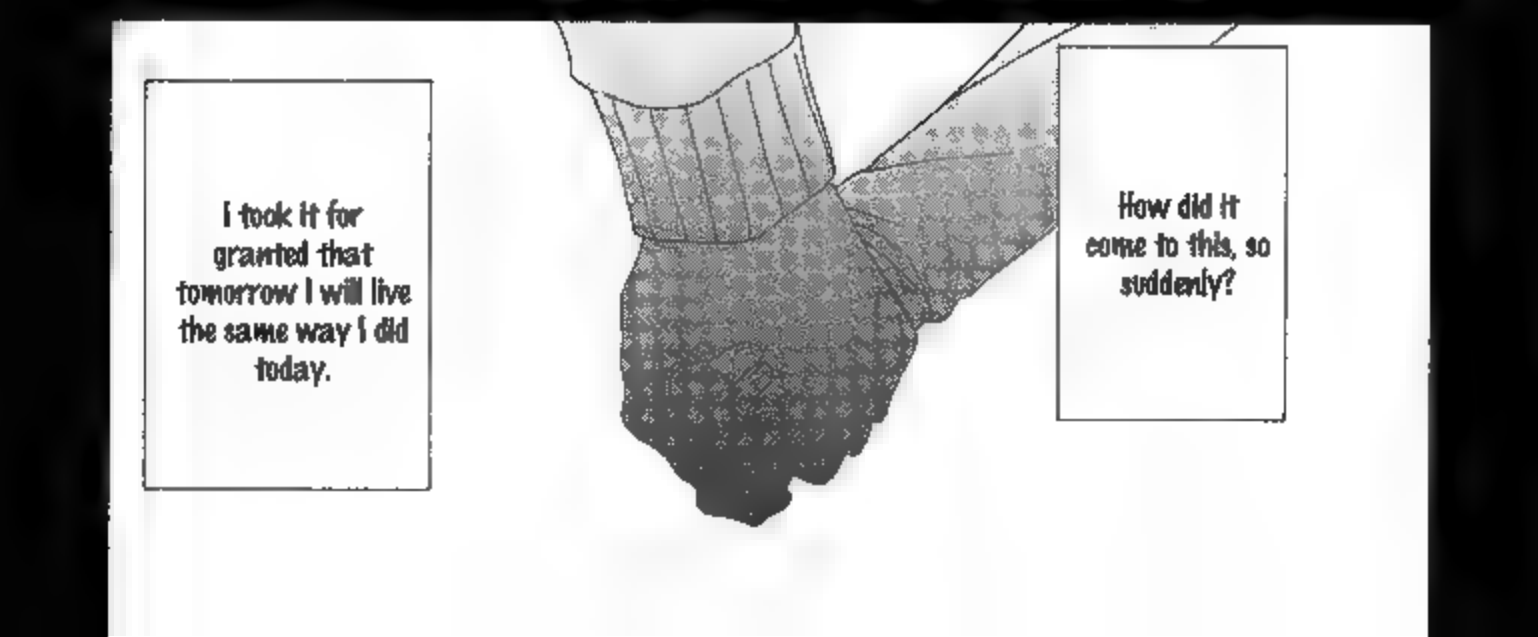
DON'T
PAY AT-
TENTION.
LET'S
GO

And
that he wants
to take me
with him.



uneasiness
and fear were
increasing on
mother's face.

With
every
passing
day



I took it for
granted that
tomorrow I will live
the same way I did
today.

How did it
come to this, so
suddenly?

ROOM

And
one
day...

I thought it
was that
man's fault.

Since
the day he
came, our
daily routine
started to fall
apart.

HOKUTO!







BEFORE
YOUR
EYES..

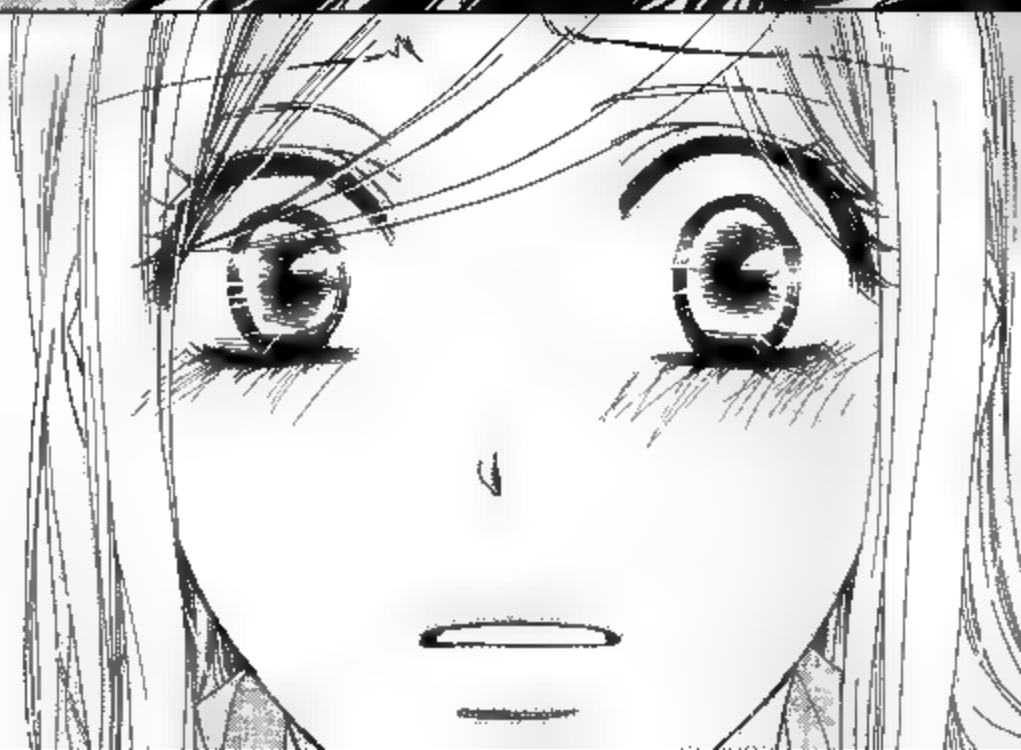


YOUR
MOTHER
WAS



SHE
WAS BEYOND
SAVING.

YES.





FLOP

I'M SORRY

FORGIVE
ME..

IT'S
ALL MY
FAULT.

I
MADE YOU
REMEMBER SUCH
HORRIBLE
THINGS .



BUT

BUT
LET ME
SAY ONE
THING

THAT
MAY

IT'S
ALREADY
BEEN 20
YEARS

EVEN IF I TOLD
YOU ABOUT IT
NOW IT'S NOT
AS IF I'LL END
UP ESPECIALLY
HURT

HE'S
THE ONE WITH
THE MOST LOGICAL
MOTIVE FOR
KILLING MY
MOTHER

HE
HAS BEEN
BECOMING
MORE AND MORE
POWERFUL
WITH MAMMA
EVER SINCE THE
DAY HE TOOK
ME IN

SO
MUCH THAT
HE'S THE NEXT
BEST THING TO
PRESIDENT OF
THE BOARD OF
LATE BEING A
FATHER SON



I
WANT
TO KNOW WHO
WAS THE
PERSON WHO
STOLE THAT
EVERYDAY LIFE
FROM ME

I
JUST WANT
TO KNOW.

WHY
DID SUCH A
THING HAVE TO
HAPPEN TO MY
MOTHER.



WHAT
CAN I DO
ABOUT
IT?

SO!



THANK
YOU

FOR
TELLING
ME .



EH?
BUT YOU
JUST TOLD
ME EVERY-
THING.

I WANTED
TO TELL YOU THAT
THIS IS MY PER-
SONAL PROBLEM.
HOW MANY TIMES
MUST I SAY IT
BEFORE YOU UN-
DERSTAND?

ARE YOU
REALLY AN
I-D-I-O-T?
EH?

EH?

EH?

THAT'S
BECAUSE UNLESS
I DID, YOU
WOULDN'T BACK
OFF



BUT
I AM IN-
VOLVED!

FROM THE
MOMENT WE
GOT MARRIED!



FOR
CRYING
OUT
LOUD.

DON'T
YOU UNDER-
STAND I
DON'T WANT
TO INVOLVE
YOU IN
ALL THIS
TROUBLE?!



YOU CAN'T KEEP
ME OUT ANY-
MORE!

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO SHOULD
UNDERSTAND,
HOKUTO!



YES
YES
WE'RE
SORRY
WE'RE
NOISY

BUT
THIS IS
IMPOR
TANT

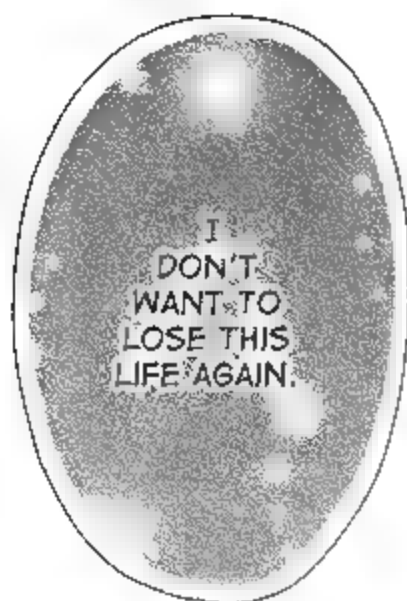
CHINA!

THE
SILENT
FIGHT

THE
SILENT
FIGHT

THE
SILENT
FIGHT

THE
SILENT
FIGHT





YES...

With
me
being
there...

I can heal
this wound at
least a little.

I
PROMISE.



... I'M
SORRY.

FOR
BEFORE...

EH?

HAS ANY-
THING HAP-
PENED?

NO.

IT'S
FINE
IF YOU
DON'T
REMEM-
BER...

That
night, we slept
tightly snuggled
together, like we
hadn't for a
long time.

We didn't do
anything beyond
kissing, but it
was warm
and cozy.

It felt
as if we
were the only
two people in
the whole
world.

I know that's
impossible in the
real world.

But
even so,
I want to
believe that it
really means
something

when
I say I
became
Hokuto's
wife.

*SIGN I-MAX

EH! HAVE
YOU BEEN
EAVESDROP-
PING?

WAH...
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT.

I
HAVEN'T!

BUT
YOU'RE SO
LOUD I
ALWAYS

HEAR
EVEN IF I
DON'T
WANT
TO.

YOU
HAVEN'T TALKED
ABOUT MARITAL
PROBLEMS WITH
YOSHIDA-SAN
LATELY.

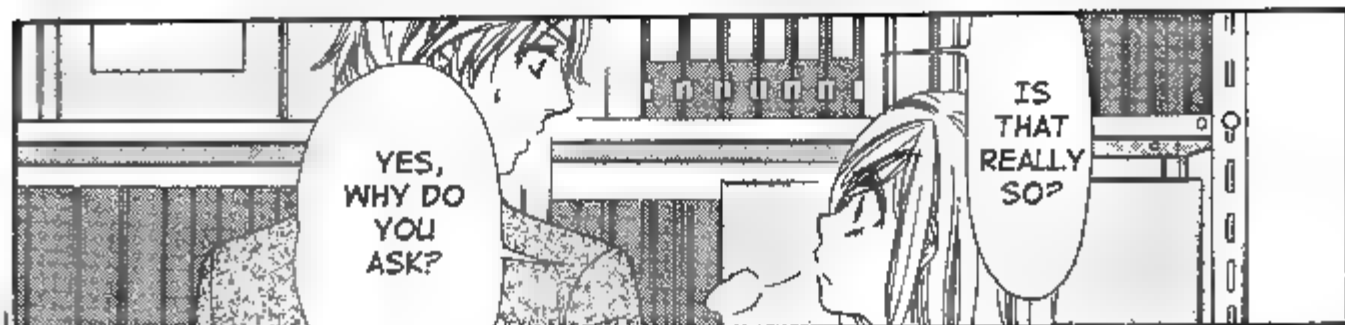
株式会社

アイ・マック



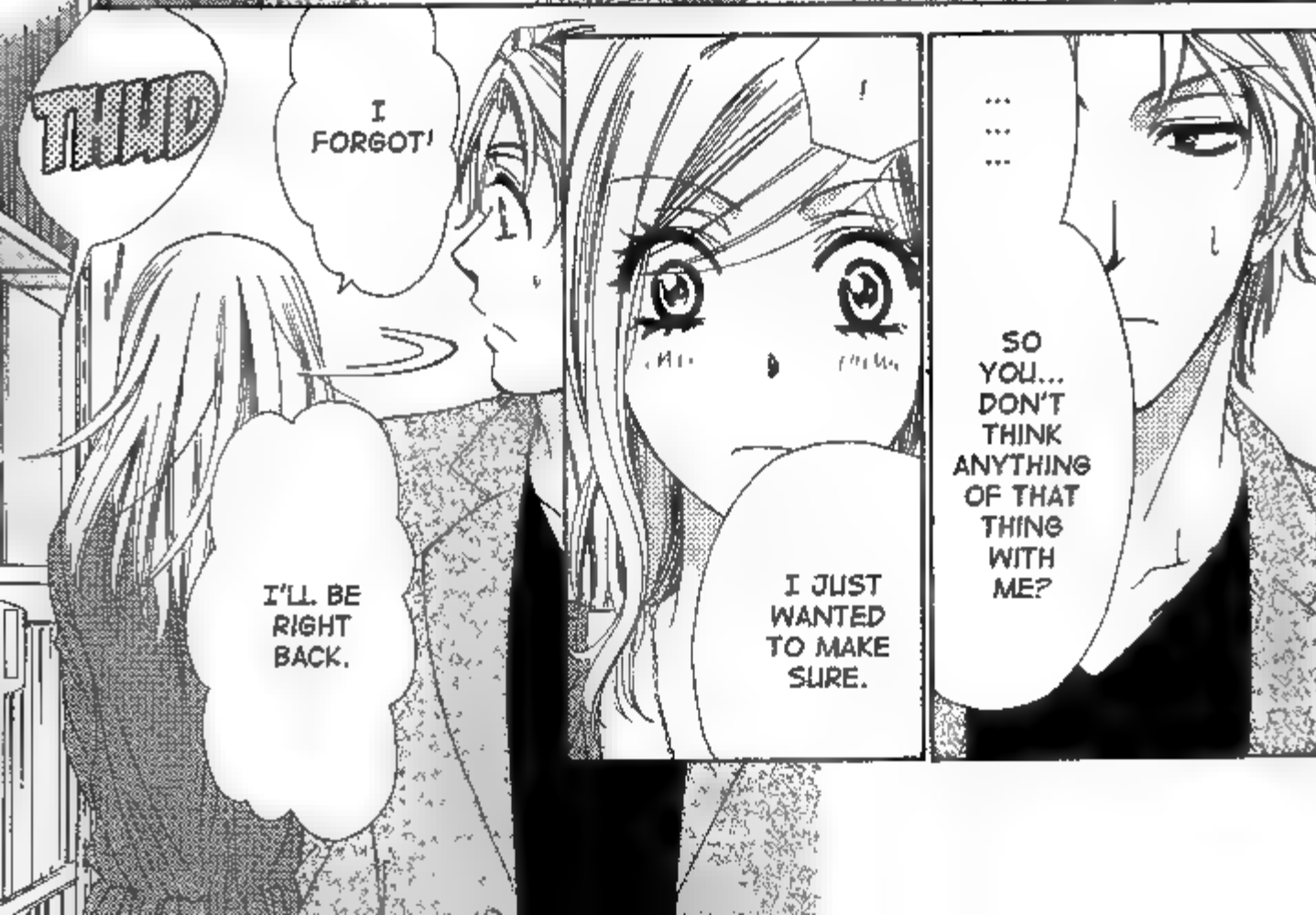
WELL,
I REALIZED I
HAVE NO CHOICE
BUT TO THINK
FOR MYSELF AND
STUMBLE
FORWARD IN
THE DARK...

... IT'S
JUST THAT
HE'S THE FIRST
MAN I'VE EVER
HAD A PROPER
RELATIONSHIP
WITH, SO THERE
ARE MANY THINGS
I DON'T UNDER-
STAND.



YES,
WHY DO
YOU
ASK?

IS
THAT
REALLY
SO?



THUD

I
FORGOT!

I'LL BE
RIGHT
BACK.

I JUST
WANTED
TO MAKE
SURE.

...
...
...
SO
YOU...
DON'T
THINK
ANYTHING
OF THAT
THING
WITH
ME?



MAMIYA!





WE
HAD PILED
TOO MANY
THINGS UP
THERE.

YOU'RE
LUCKY,
MAMIYA-
SAN.

ASAHINA-SAN
PROTECTED
YOU, SO YOU
WEREN'T HIT
DIRECTLY..!



ASAHINA-
SAN..!

HEY!

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT, YOU
TWO?!



Ah...

Wait.



AH..
YES



"Pro-
tected"...

"Youko-chan
protected
Ho-chan, who
was about to
be run over by
a car..."

So that's
why I couldn't
help feeling
something's
off.

It's because
Hokuto keeps
saying "my
mother was
murdered."



How could
she do such an
obvious
thing?

What was I
thinking?
I should have
been more
careful.

That's
right. He
wasn't
supposed
to have been
there. I
was.

His
mother
was just
trying to
protect
him.

HEY!

MAMIYA!

YOU
AREN'T.
ARE
YOU?

WHY
AREN'T YOU
SAYING ANY-
THING?

ARE
YOU HURT
SOME-
WHERE?

AH!

The one
who plotted
to murder
Hokuto



WELL,

MORE
OR
LESS...

AH,
N-NO,
I'M
NOT.

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
ASAHINA-
SAN?

was not
his father.



I'M
GLAD.

If
that's
the
truth

Phew.



His father
doesn't have
any motive to
kill Hokuto.

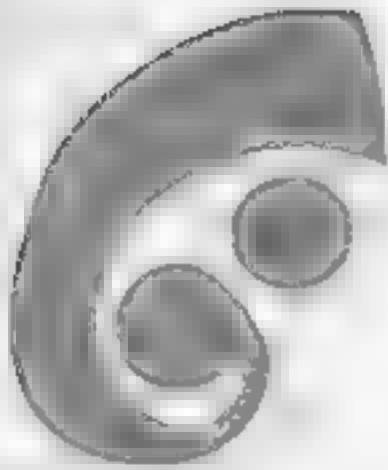
YES...
I'M
SORRY

BE
MORE
CAREFUL
WHERE
YOU
GO.

Let's
tidy
up
now





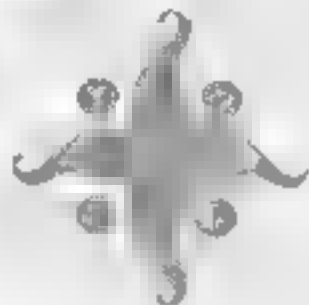


AERANDRIA

The rabid souls behind your favorite releases!



Hapi Mari
v06 ch21



SCANNER: LACAILLE

TRANSLATOR: MARI

PROOFREADER: LACAILLE

EDITORS: GREEN RIVER

QUALITY CHECK: CRAXX

I see a kdrama cliché there. Stopping one from talking with kiss. Ekekeke

-says craxx a kdrama addict. >>



What Steps
Do We Need
to Be Taken?



Is there something
fundamentally different about the
human condition
that makes
this possible?

What do we need
to do to make this
a better world?
What are the steps
to be taken?



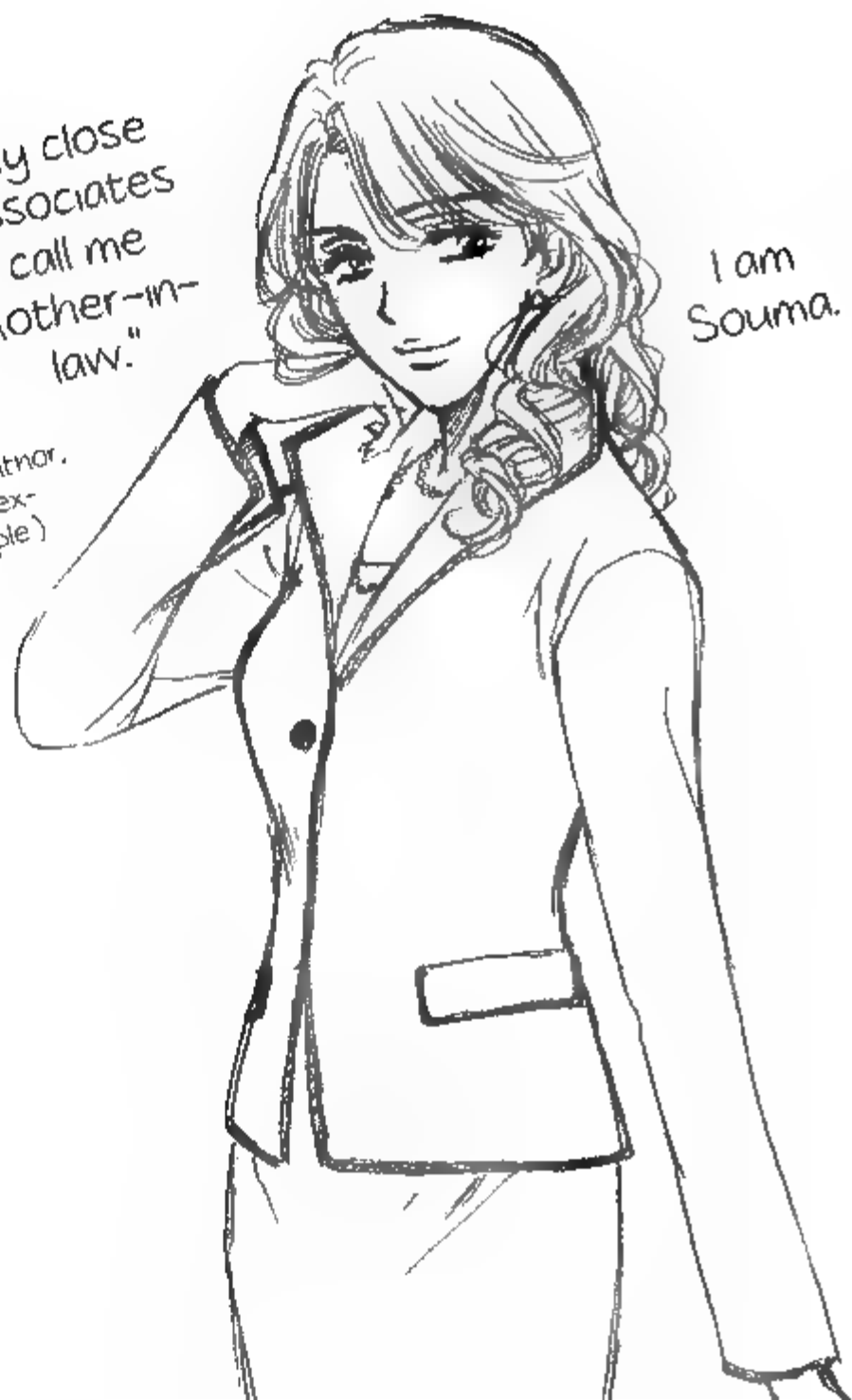
22nd Step

Is it a crime to be jealous?

My close
associates
call me
"Mother-in-
law."

(The author,
for ex-
ample)

I am
Souma.





I TOLD YOU,
YOU'RE NOT
MY MOTHER.

IF YOU
LEAVE HIM
ALONE, HE'LL
GO ON
WORKING
WITHOUT
EATING ANY-
THING.

SOUMA-
SAN!

AH, YOU'RE
GETTING
ALONG SO
WELL, EVEN IF
YOU ACT LIKE
A COMIC
ACT...

PLEASE,
TAKE GOOD
CARE OF
HOKUTO!

And I
reached a
conclusion.

WHAT,
IT'S THE
TRUTH!

Looks like the
person who
killed Hokuto's
mother wasn't
his father.

YES,
YES.



WELL,
I'M
GOING.



But as things
stand right now,
I can't talk to
him about it.

TAKE
CARE.

For the moment, I've decided to keep this to myself, for Hokuto's sake.

He said he didn't want to lose the everyday life he has now.

If I can become his emotional support by acting as a normal wife, then so be it.

LET'S USE MY HALF-DAY OFF AND CLEAN THE HOUSE!

All right!

NOW!

TAKE OFF



But my schedule is nothing

compared to how busy Hokuto has been lately.

THAT I'VE SKIPPED ON CLEANING

Ah, so much dust.

I'VE BEEN SO BUSY LATELY





When he
returns
from the
extraordinary
land he's
gone to,

I want him
to think
"Ah, it's so
good to be
back home."

And
also...

I'M
BACK

AM THE
HOUSE
IS SO
CLEAN

Open



I wish
that's
how it
would
go.

blush

Well, maybe
I'm looking
at it through
pink glasses,
but

KISS

THANK
YOU,
CHIWA.

MY
TIRED-
NESS HAS
GONE
AWAY.

AH,
HOKUTO!

LEER

Wah!
Look
at the
time!



But
even
so...

No new
messages



Take
care and
do your
best,
Hokuto.

I'll prepare
a place
where you
can relax
and I'll be
waiting for
you!

But it
must be
different
this
time...

Last time he
had some
cute reason,
like "if I text
you I'll want
to see you
even more."

Is it
today?

Which
day in
a row

HEY,
MAMIYA!

THERE HAS
BEEN A CALL
FROM YAMABE-
SAN FROM TIP
ENTERPRISES.
WHY WASN'T I
NOTIFIED?

Why,
why...?

STAND

HOW
STRANGE.

GLAR

Rummage
Rummage



STOMP

STOMP

Damn



AH...
SORRY

NEXT
TIME LOOK
MORE
CAREFULLY

HERE IT IS.
THE MEMO
FROM THE
PHONE-CALL
WAS ON THE
FLOOR.



THAT
TIME OF
THE
MONTH?

IS
IT,

PER
HAPS

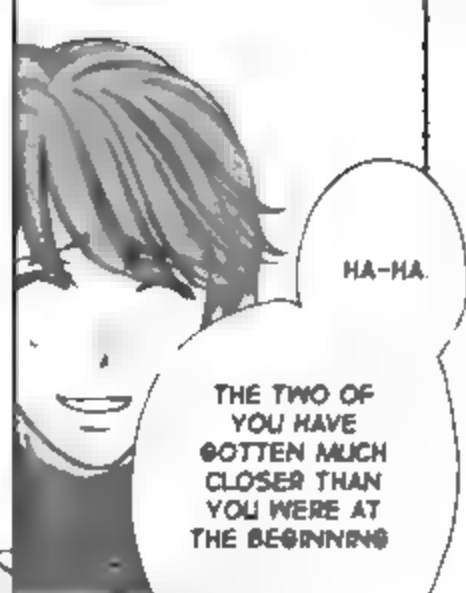


WAH! NO!
NO, IT'S
NOT! I'M
SORRY!

SAKI-
RABA-
SAN!

ASAHI-
SAN IS
HARASSING
ME!

IT'S SEXUAL
HARASSMENT!
SEXUAL
HARASSMENT!





HMPF

IT'S
FINE
LEAVE
IT.

WHY
AREN'T
YOU RE-
PLYING
HER?



WEREN'T
YOU ON
GOOD TERMS
WHEN YOU
DEPARTED?

WHAT
NOW ?

BOSS!



Why doesn't
he reply?!

PRESI-
DENT,

YOUR WIFE
TEXTED ME
THIS TIME.



I SEE...

What's?

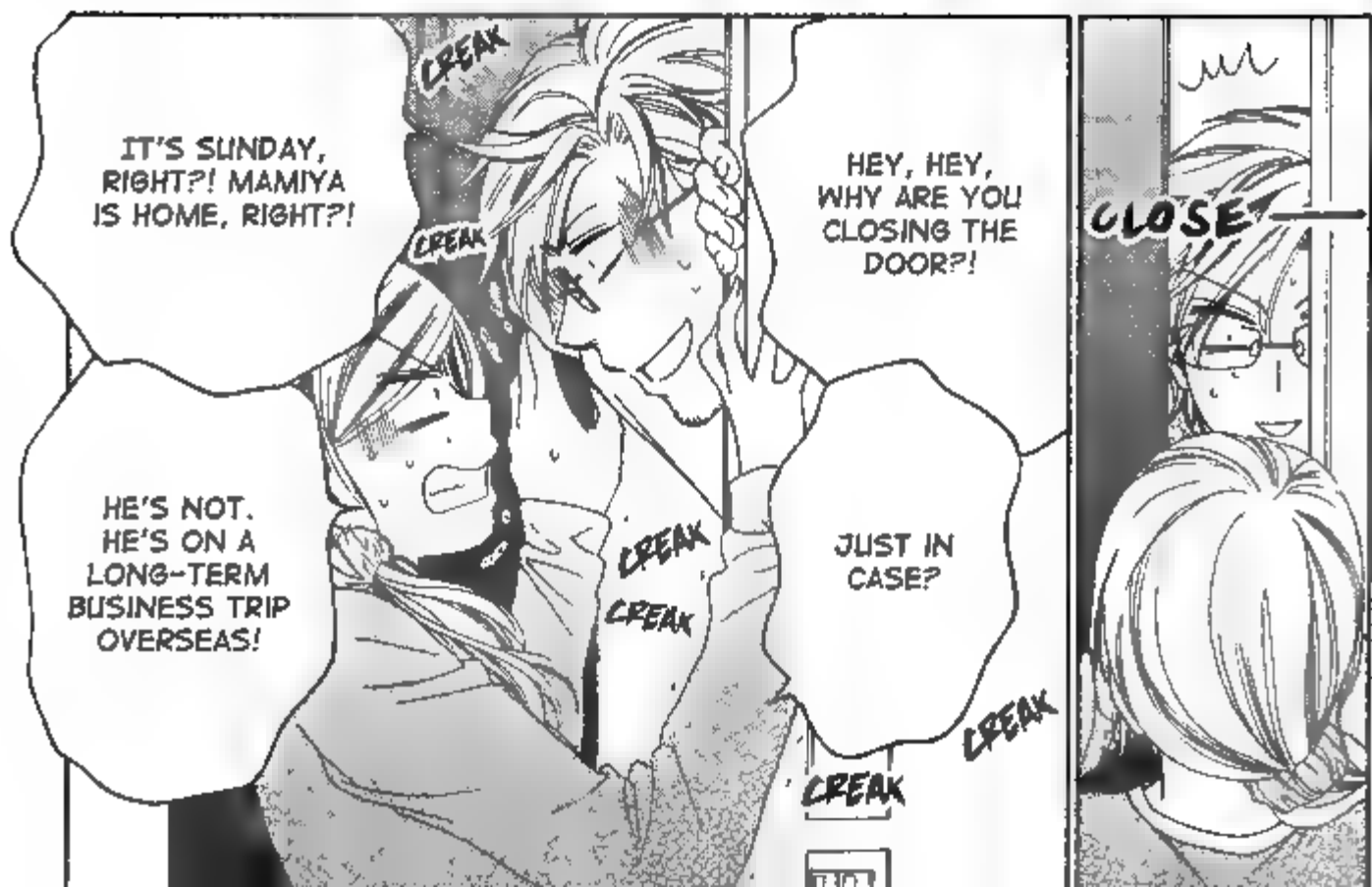
No
Problem!



MR. REAVES MADE
AN APPOINTMENT

STARE

ALSO, ABOUT
THE PREVIOUS
MATTER—



Momiga, that
lucky dog, he has
such a pretty
thing calling him
"Boss ♡"

Wow, that
ash-blond lady
has such huge
boobs!

Lucky
guy, lucky
guy.

Wow-

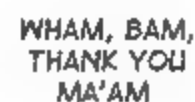
WHAT
IS THIS
SPOUSE
OF
HAPP

HAPP
WHAT IS
IT

I wish I could
have a nurse
looking like
this...

KAYAKO
SENSEI

YES!



WHAM, BAM,
THANK YOU
MA'AM

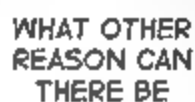
YES

RIGHT?

HOKUTO



WAS VERY
POPULAR WITH
GIRLS WHEN
HE WAS IN
UNIVERSITY,



WHAT OTHER
REASON CAN
THERE BE

FOR ANYONE
TO SEND YOU
SUCH A PIC-
TURE?

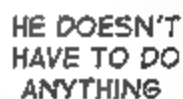
Doom
!! CHEAT-
ING?!

Wham,
bam...



ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS? THE
SECRETARY IS
TELLING YOU
"HEY, MAMIYA IS
CHEATING, YOU
KNOW!"

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
OF THIS?



HE DOESN'T
HAVE TO DO
ANYTHING

WOMEN JUST
COME TO HIM. I
THINK THEY CALL
IT A CHICK-
MAGNET?

WELL, IT'S
BETTER NOT
TO LEAVE HIM
TO FEND FOR
HIMSELF

BUT I
THOUGHT
HOKUTO
WAS THE
LAST
PERSON

Dong
Dong
NOW THAT
HE SAYS IT,
YES, IT'S
TRUE

KICK

I'VE HAD IT
WITH YOU!
OUT!

THEY'RE
DRAWN TO
HIM LIKE
FLIES TO A
PILE OF
EXCRE-
MENT

DONT
COMPARE
OTHER
PEOPLE'S
HUS-
BANDS
TO PILES
OF SHT!

Then, then I
should get
some insect
repellent.

Flies...

Shoo!

Stay
away!

HOKUTO,

How are you doing?
I'm worried because
you don't reply. Is it
cold there? Take care
of your health and do
your best.

PLEASE,
DON'T LET
FLIES DIS-
TRACT YOU.

BUT I CAN'T
EVEN DO
THAT WHEN
I'M NOT
CLOSE BY!

← Couldn't
write
"Are you
cheating
on me?"

Ring



Flop

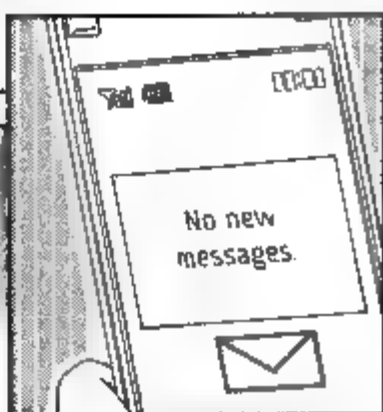
WHAT'S
WITH THE
BUSINESS-
LIKE MES-
SAGE?

I-Max



And still no
answer

It's been
one night
and one
day.



I haven't
left him to
fend for
himself.

We used
to talk
every day.



"It's
better"

"not to
leave
him to
fend for
himself."

SOMETHING
IS NOT
RIGHT DID I
DO SOME-
THING TO
MAKE HIM
ANGRY?



Well, he was getting home so late we didn't have any, but...

Yes, let's

Let's rest for today.

The sex...

I made sure he was always comfortable.

I watch out what I prepare for his dinner.

I don't know what he's sulking about, but—



I'm not the one at fault here?!

In other words, isn't it more like

I am the one who was left to fend for myself, right?!

PISSED OFF

IT'S ME!

HELLO, HOKUTO?!

PISSED OFF

WHAT...

WHAT TIME DO YOU THINK IT IS HERE?

Was asleep

Damn, the time difference!

I'm getting
angry.

tuut
tuut
tuut

Hang
up

AND YOU
CALLED ME FOR
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS?

I-I WAS
WON-
DERING
HOW
YOU'RE
DOING
THERE

IDIOT.

he thinks I'm
the kind of
woman who
CANNOT
ATTRACT
ANY FLIES.

**HEY,
MAMIYA!**

Un-ke me,
she's not popu-
lar with the
other sex, so I
don't have to
worry

this definitely
means that

If he
cares so
little about
what I do

It's too late
now even if
you regret it,

Hokuto.

If I set my
mind on it, I
wouldn't have
any problem
attracting a
man or two or
three or four.

That's not true.
That's not true,
Hokuto.

This is
very
urgent!

BUT NOT
THIS
ONE



AH, NO, I'M
SORRY FOR
DRAGGING
YOU OUT SO
SUDDENLY

YOU LOOK
GREAT, TOO,
YAGAMI-KUN

I'M SORRY,
I'VE BEEN
SO BUSY
LATELY

THANK YOU
FOR GETTING
IN TOUCH
YOU LOOK
GREAT!

**TAKA-
NASHI-
SAN!**

YAGAMI-
KUN.

AFTER
YOU QUIT
THE JOB
SO SUD-
DENLY, I--

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
NOW?

LOOK,

HOW ABOUT
SOME
ADULTERY
WITH ME?



AHH! NO,
NO, I WAS
JOKING! WAIT
A MINUTE!

I'M
SUDDENLY
SCARED

I'M
GOING
HOME.



noise

noise

noise

BUT I JUST
COULDN'T THINK
OF ANY OTHER
WAY TO COUNTER-
ATTACK...

SOB
SOB

HOW
SHOULD I
KNOW?!

WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO
DO WHEN I'M
LEFT TO FEND
FOR MYSELF

AND IF YOU DO
SUCH A THING
AFTER PLAN-
NING IT, AFTER-
WARDS YOU
CAN'T EVEN
TRUTHFULLY
TALK YOURSELF
OUT OF IT!

YES ..
YOU'RE
RIGHT I'M
SORRY

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?!
YOU DO NOT GO
CHEATING ON
YOUR BOYFRIEND
EVEN IF HE PUTS
YOU UP TO IT!

YES

noise

PREACHING



ADUL-
TERY

THIS IS
SOMETHING
LIKE LET'S
SEE

YAGAMI-KUN
AND I AND



THUMP



EH

THANK YOU,
YAGAMI-
KUN!

I CAN
ALWAYS
COUNT ON
YOU FOR
ADVICE. I
APOLOGIZE!



SEE
YOU!

LET'S
MEET AGAIN
SOME TIME!



EHM, I
KNOW
YOU SAID
IT WAS A
JOKE,

HAS SHE
BECOME
SEXIER?

B-BUT, IT'S
NOT GOING
VERY WELL
WITH MY
GIRLFRIEND
LATELY-

YES!
AFTER ALL,
IMPOS-
SIBLE!

I CAN'T DO
IT WITH
ANYONE
ELSE! I
CAN'T EVEN
IMAGINE IT!

SHAM

*I'm such
an idiot*

*Sorry
Marty*

*How could I
contemplate
abandoning
you over for
a moment?*

*I'm really
an idiot
And I'm
really
sorry*

*I should be
at home
waiting for
you like a
good wife*

*I'm
trusty*

*WASH
MAY
BRO
MAY*





I SETTLED
EVERYTHING
QUICKLY AND
MANAGED TO
RETURN A FEW
DAYS EARLIER.

NO WAY! ARE
YOU REAL?!
HOW?!

BUT WHEN I
RETURNED, IT
WAS DARK AT
HOME

I'M SORRY,
I WENT
OUT TO
HAVE A
DRINK.

WHO ARE
YOU CALLING
A HALLUCINA-
TION?

Oh, oh,
oh, oh,
he's
real.

I'VE BEEN
PRAYING
TO SEE
HIM TO
MUCH

I'M
STARTING TO
HALLUCINATE..

WHEN THE
CAT IS AWAY
THE MOUSE
WILL PLAY

I
KNEW
IT

Ah,

but I meant to
meet him with a
bright and tidy
home..

THE
MOUSE ..

WERE THE
LAST FEW
WEEKS FUN?



YOU DIDN'T
HAVE TO
LOOK AFTER
A TIRED MAN

SO I'M
ASKING YOU,
WERE THE
LAST WEEKS
FUN?



"My
tiredness
went
away."



So why is
this hap-
pening?

Whose
fault is it?
Whose...

YOU



this is not
how it was
supposed to
go.

I cleaned the
rooms and I
meant to
welcome him
back with a
smile on my
face.



AH

I know I
was imag-
ining some
stupid
things, but



**YOU
IDIOT!**

HOKUTO,

**OUCH-
OUCH-
OUCH!**

THUD THUD THUD

**IDIOT,
IDIOT,
IDIOT,
IDIOT,
IDIOT,
IDIOT!**

**DO YOU
REALLY
THINK THEY
COULD HAVE
BEEN FUN?**

**HOW COULD
YOU SAY
SUCH MEAN
THINGS!**



**DO YOU
HAVE ANY
IDEA HOW
JEALOUS I'VE
BEEN THESE
LAST WEEKS?**

**AND YOU
TREATED ME
HORRIBLY
WHEN I
CALLED YOU**

**YOU
CALLED
ME?**

**YOU DIDN'T
REPLY TO
ANY OF MY
MAILS, TOO**

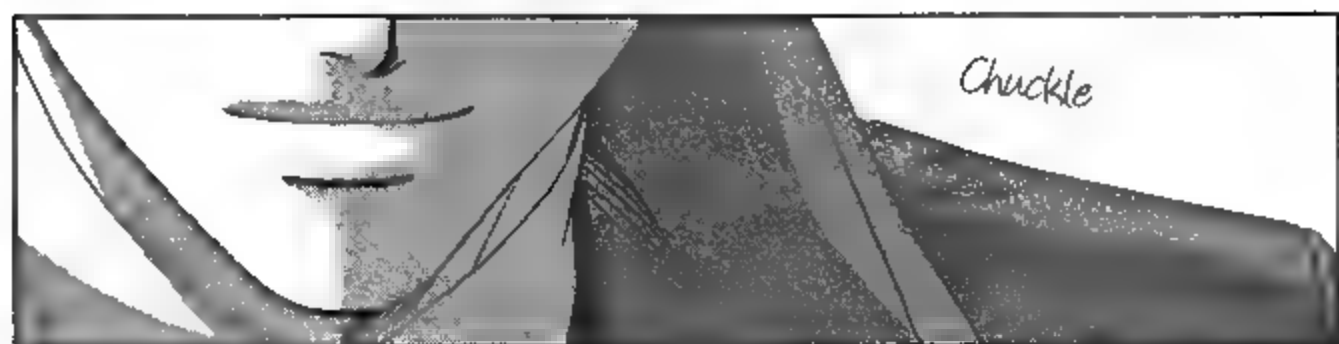


AND THAT
PICTURE OF YOU
AND THE BLOND
WOMAN HAT
SOUUMA-SAN
SENT ME..!

WHAT WAS THAT
ALL ABOUT?! I
DON'T UNDER-
STAND
ANYTHING, I'M
THE ONE WHO
SHOULD BE
ANGRY!

?
DID YOU?
YOU
DIDN'T

HE
DOESN'T
REMEM-
BER?!



Chuckle



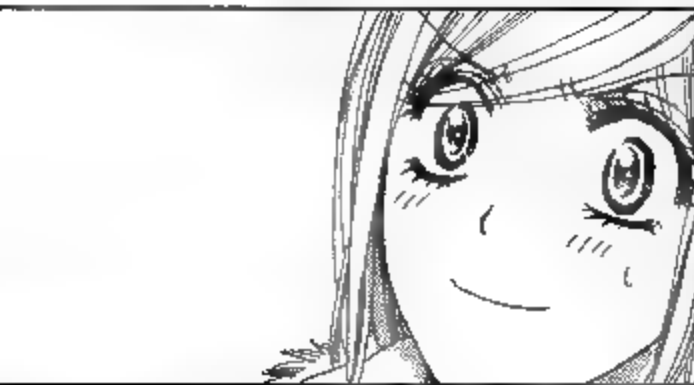
DID YOU,
BY ANY CHANCE,
THINK I COULD
BE CHEATING ON
YOU? WITH THE
WOMAN IN THE
PICTURE?

WHAT
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO
SAY ?

WHA..
WHY ARE
YOU
LAUGHING?

NO
REASON

SO YOU'VE
BEEN WORRIED
ABOUT SUCH A
THING, EH



Ah. Did I say
something
bad?

GRAB

S-SO WHAT IF
I DID? LET ME
TELL YOU,
HOKUTO, THAT
YOU'RE NOT
THE ONLY ONE
WHO'S POPU-
LAR

EH?

YOU
SHOULD HAVE
SEEN WHAT
HAPPENED
BETWEEN
YAGAMI-KUN
AND ME

NOTHING
HAPPENED,
BUT



WOMAN,
COULDN'T
YOU JUST
QUIETLY
STAY PUT AT
HOME!

NO! NO!
NO! NO!
NO!

Nooooooooooooo ~~~

LOCK

DROP

I'LL
CHECK
THAT
FOR
MYSELF.

STRIP.

IT
HURTS!

SLAM



YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO WAS LEFT TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES.

LISTEN HERE!

I DON'T WANT TO

you're not the boss of me.

Pissed

YOU LEFT ME TO FEND FOR MYSELF FOR SO LONG,

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING SO SUDDENLY?

I AM.



B-BUT THAT'S BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED YOU'D BE TOO TIRED !

I APPRECIATE THAT

How many times has it been already?

"I'll be all right if you just hug me!"

"Don't worry about me. Don't strain yourself too much."

WHAT?

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I TRIED TO ASK YOU, YOU...



BUT MY
PRIDE
DOESN'T

BUT YOU
DIDN'T PANIC
AND DIDN'T
EVEN GIVE
ME ONE
SINGLE CALL.

But I
did call
you.

THAT'S WHY
I WANTED TO
TEASE YOU A
LITTLE AND
SENT YOU
THAT PICTURE.



AND ON TOP
OF ALL THAT
YOU CHEATED
ON ME?!

YOU'VE GOT
TO BE KID-
DING ME
WHAT KIND
OF MAN DO
YOU THINK I
AM?



WHAT
KIND ..

GET
UP!



COME.

YOU NEED
TO BE RE-
EDUCATED.

NO



WHY AM I
THE ONLY
ONE AT
FAULT

I THOUGHT
ABOUT
YOU AND
DO SO MUCH
FOR YOU

ONE-
SIDED

IT'S NO
GOOD
THIS

THAT
AGAIN

THEN
SHOULD
WE STOP
HERE?

BUT I WILL
CONTINUE IF
YOU WANT
ME TO

IT'S TRUE
THAT I'M
TIRED



OR MAYBE
YOU'LL BE FINE
IF I JUST HUG
YOU? IS THAT
ENOUGH?

BUT IF YOU
WANT TO
TAKE IT TO
THE END

IT'S FINE
IF YOU
WANT TO
STOP,
TOO

EH
I ?

THEN TELL
ME SO I'LL
DO WHAT
YOU WANT
ME TO DO



SO
HURRY
UP

I DON'T
MIND
EITHER
WAY



JUST
A HUG
IS

NOT
ENOUGH .



JUST THAT
IS NOT
ENOUGH

I WAS SO
LONELY,
YOU KNOW

FINISH
WHAT YOU
STARTED

I WANT TO
FEEL YOU,
REALLY FEEL
YOU, OR
ELSE



I WANT
YOU

HOKUTO



AH

VOL
FINALLY
SAID IT

DC VOL
UNDER
STAND NOW
MY SUPER
POW

WELL I SAID
THAT I
KNEW IT

I WAS
WORRYING
WHAT
SHOULD
DO & VOL
UNDER
MY POWER

WHA



I DIDN'T
KNOW THIS
SIDE OF
MYSELF

THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
NOW

BEFORE
YOU CAME,
HOKUTO .

WHEN I
HEAR YOUR
VOICE

OR YOU
TOUCH ME I
START TO
BURN

NOBODY ELSE
BUT YOU CAN
MAKE ME FEEL
THIS WAY

IT'S
ONLY
YOU,
HOKUTO

YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE
WHO MAKES
ME FEEL THIS
WAY .

N-NO!

IF YOU'RE
THAT HORNY,
WE SHOULD
HAVE JUST
HAD SEX

NEITHER
DO I.

YES,
YOU
DON'T

mean!

THEN SHOULD
WE TRY
SEPARATING
FOR SOME
MORE TIME?

I
DON'T
WANT
TO!

You're
mean!

THAT'S WHY I
ALWAYS HOLD
YOU IN A WAY

TO MAKE
SURE YOU
JUST CAN'T BE
WITHOUT ME

THE
TRUTH IS

THAT I WANT
TO STAY LIKE
THIS FOR-
EVER



AND YOU'RE
NOT ALLOWED
TO GET CLOSE
TO OTHER
WOMEN
EXCEPT ME

I-IF YOU SAY
SUCH THINGS,
THEN TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY

I'LL DO
WHAT I
CAN

YES,
YES.



IF IT'S
NOT YOU,
HOKUTO

I'M NO
GOOD. .

SO
AM I

The only one
who can
satisfy me

1. *What is the purpose of the study?*
 2. *What are the research questions or hypotheses?*
 3. *What is the significance of the study?*

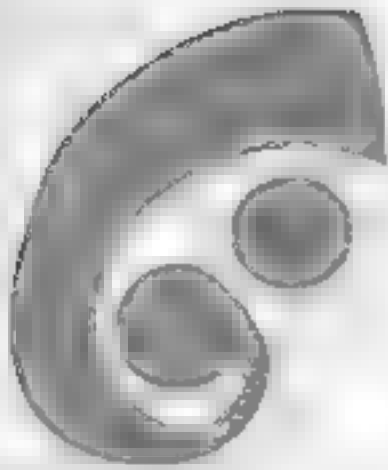
SHITARA
MISAKI

11-11-11

$$\text{left} = \text{right} = \text{mid} = 0$$





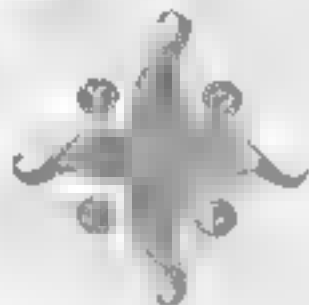


AERANDRIA

The rabid souls behind your favorite releases!



Hapi Mari
v06 ch22



SCANNER: LACAILE

TRANSLATOR: MARI

PROOFREADER: LACAILE

EDITORS: LISA

QUALITY CHECK: CRAXX

China, be more selfish. Like ME. *evil laughs*
looks over at her tired husband *grins* *jumps to bed!

-craxx





23rd Step

What can I do for you?



FINANCIERS' ...

PARTY?! I SEE... YOU'RE AS HORRIBLY BUSY AS EVER.



AND YOU'VE JUST RETURNED FROM YOUR OVERSEAS TRIP, TOO.

I SEE... YOU'RE AS HORRIBLY BUSY AS EVER.



BUT AS THINGS ARE, DECLINING IS NOT AN OPTION

IF IT WAS JUST MAMIYA ENTER-PRICES, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY NEED TO GO



To
make a
long
story
short





TOTAL OF
EIGHT HOURS,
AND IF WE
WORK REALLY
HARD, WE
MIGHT MAKE
SOMETHING
OF YOU YET.

ALSO THE
SET, THE
MAKE-UP
AND THE
MANICURES

THE
BEAUTIFUL
FACE COURSE,
THE FULL
BODY-
TREATMENT,
THE HAIR-
TREATMENT
PACK

AND NOW
THAT YOU'RE
PROPERLY
HYPED UP,
THERE IS
THE WEIGHT
REDUCTION
COURSE,

Y-
YES...

Do we
have to
go this
far?

This is
today's
schedule

AND I HAVE
A LOVELY
DRESS PRE-
PARED FOR
YOU AFTER-
WARDS

AH
REALLY?!

**I'LL DO
MY BEST!**

For
Hokuto!



TA-DAA!

WELL?!



SHOCK

AND THAT'S ALL?!

OH, WELL.

IT'S NOT BAD, IS IT?

What...

It's the first time I've dressed up like this for him.



COME ON, GET IN.

Gloom doom

WE'RE IN A HURRY

N-Not nearly enough response...





GET SOME
FOOD. YOU
DON'T KNOW
ANY OF THE
GUESTS
ANYWAY.

Eh?!



HM

LET'S
SEE.



THEN HOW
EXACTLY

SHOULD I
ACT TO-
NIGHT ?



See you
later.

WELL, I'M
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
HAS ANY
BUSINESS
HERE.

EH!

I'LL BE
BACK IN A
WHILE, SO
GET SOME
FOOD FOR
ME, TOO

EH?!
WAIT A--

Don't
leave your
escort!



It looks
so tasty!

BUT
TELLING
ME TO
PIG IT?!

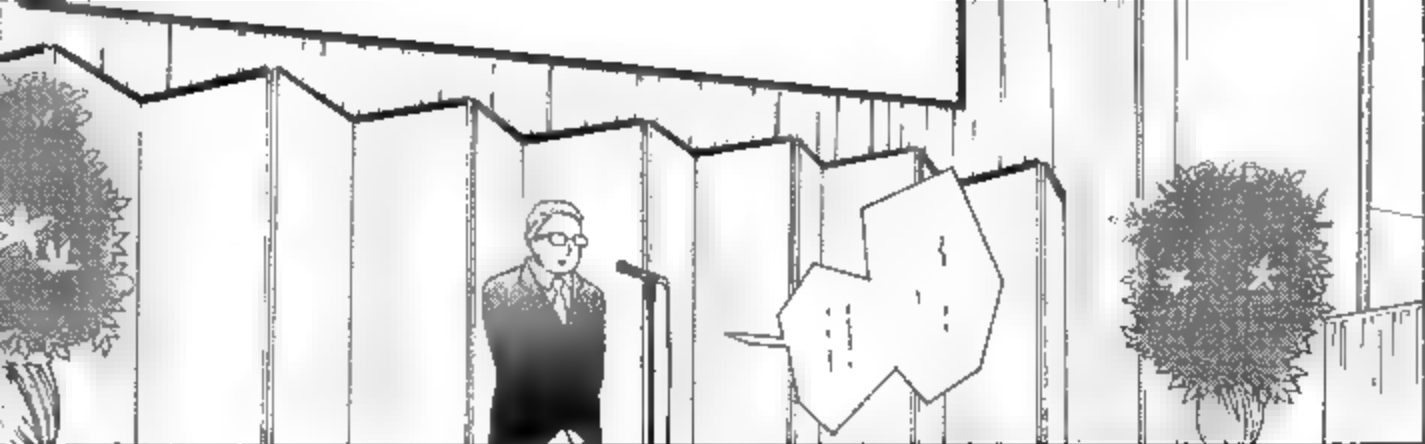


Maybe Hokuto
was trying to
be considerate
in his own
way.

It's true that
I don't know
anyone here.



WOULD
YOU LIKE
A DRINK?



It feels as if all those people there and I

live in different worlds.



There's such a word as "wall-flower," but

I can't even pass for a flower.



Stick out

talking

talking

talking



Even Hokuto was turned into a rich boy at a certain point in his life...

—And I had that debt to shoulder.

I was one step away from being sold to prostitution.

Munch

These people have never known what it's like to struggle for money in their lives.



They are overflowing with confidence and sparkling. All women are so beautiful.



DAMN!

I'LL
REALLY
TURN
INTO A
PIG



MY KNEES
AREN'T WHAT
THEY USED
TO BE



A-ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

AH... YES,
THANK
YOU



EXCUSE
ME!

BRING TWO
CHAIRS,
PLEASE!



I UNDER-
STAND
MY GRAND-
MOTHER WAS
LIKE THAT,

AFTER SHE
COULDN'T GO
TO WORK IN
THE FIELDS
ANYMORE

MY HOBBY
USED TO BE
MOUNTAINEERING,
BUT I CAN'T DO
IT ANYMORE .

IT'S MY AGE,
SO IT CAN'T
BE HELPED,
BUT EVEN SO



OUT OF
PLATES ON
THIS TABLE!



AH, BUT THE
TABLE IS
OUT OF
PLATES

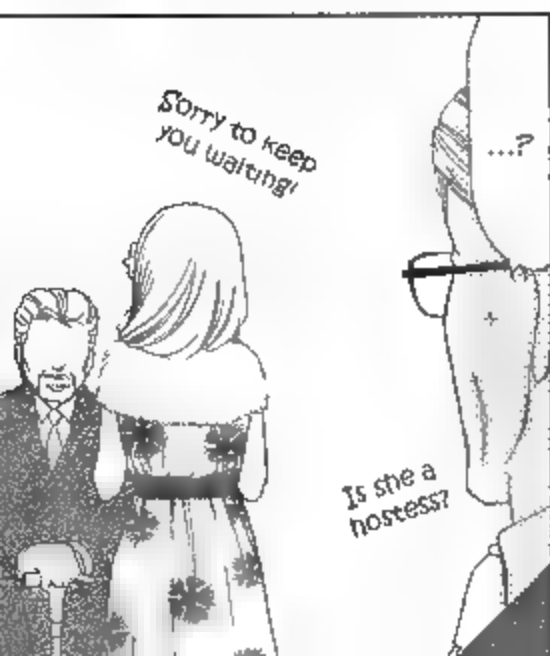


UNFORTU-
NATELY, SHE
WAS ILL, SO I
LEFT HER
HOME

THEN LET
ME BRING YOU
SOMETHING TO
EAT INSTEAD!



BY THE
WAY, ISN'T
YOUR WIFE
WITH YOU
TODAY ?

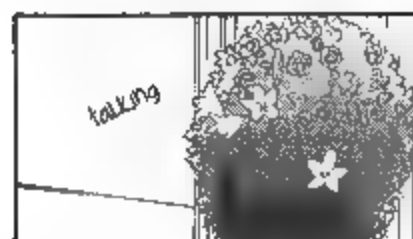
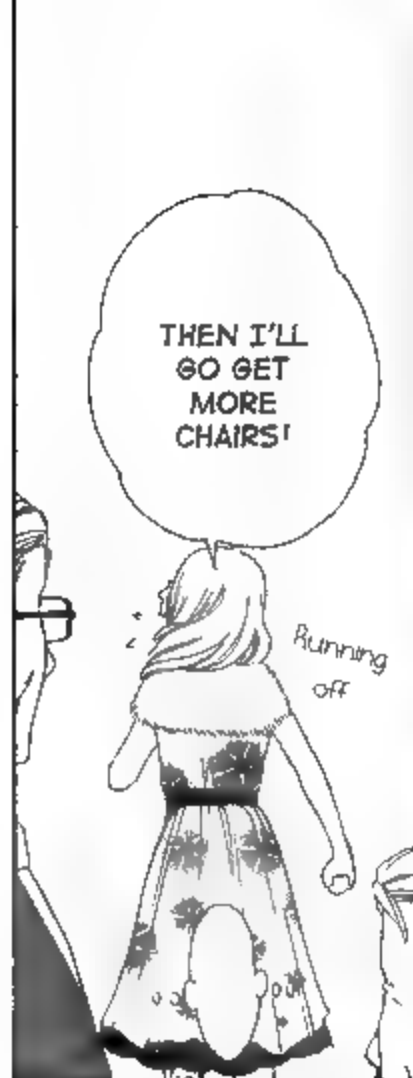


Sorry to keep
you waiting!

Is she a
hostess?

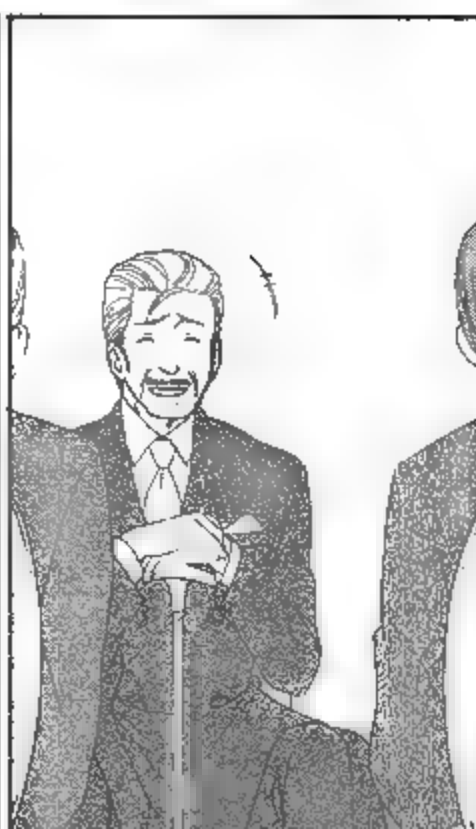
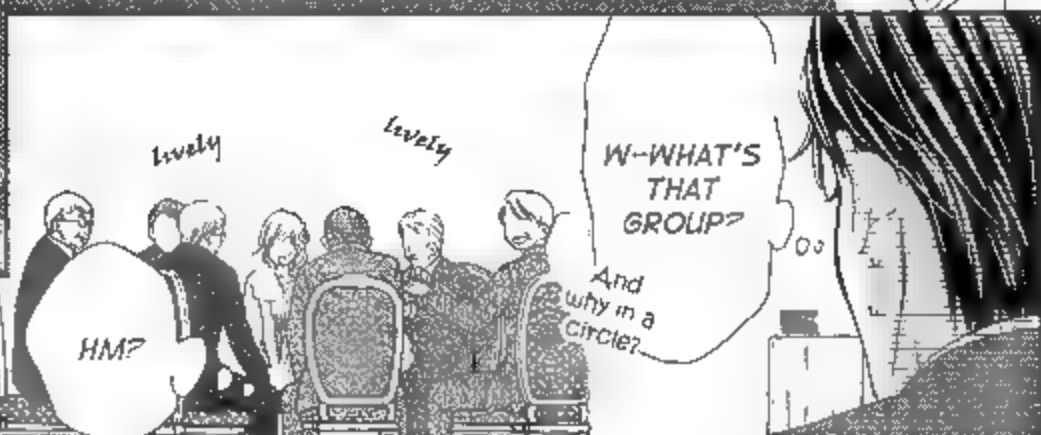


HERE YOU
ARE



Like kindergarteners
around their teacher.







MISAKI!

SO YOU
CAME,
TOO

DIDN'T I TELL
YOU I
WOULD?



SHE SEEMS
TO BE PRETTY
POPULAR WITH
THE OLD
GENTLEMEN.

JEALOUS?

AS IF

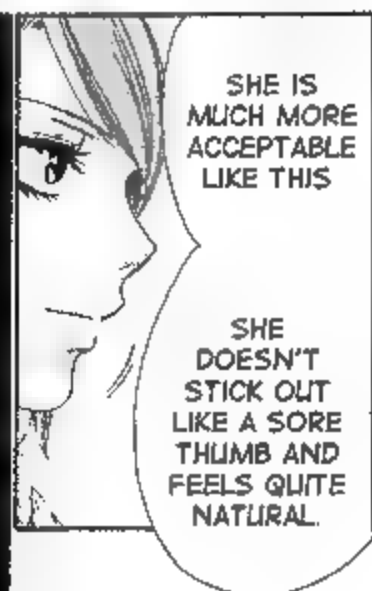
YES..

THAT OVER
THERE IS
YOUR WIFE,
ISN'T SHE?



HER SKILLS
FROM HER
CABARET CLUB
PERIOD ARE
COMING BACK
TO HER?

OR
PER
HAPS



SHE IS
MUCH MORE
ACCEPTABLE
LIKE THIS

SHE
DOESN'T
STICK OUT
LIKE A SORE
THUMB AND
FEELS QUITE
NATURAL.



THE
FASHION
SHOW

THE
FASHION
SHOW

THE
FASHION
SHOW



THE
FASHION
SHOW

THE
FASHION
SHOW

THE
FASHION
SHOW

THE
FASHION
SHOW

THE
FASHION
SHOW

THE
FASHION
SHOW

THE
FASHION
SHOW



EH..
EHM,
I'M ..

DAMN ..



SO, WHOSE
DAUGHTER
ARE YOU,
AFTER ALL?

IF YOU'RE
NOT A
HOSTESS,
THEN YOU
MUST BE



SECRETARY!
WHOSE?

A visiting
card?

A S-
SECRET-
TARY

*I forgot to
clear this up
with Hokuto
first!*

*No, what
I'm doing is
not good!*

*Maybe he'll be in
trouble if anyone
found out about
the marriage, like
in Okinawa.*



I'LL GO
GET SOME
FROM THE
PRESI-
DENT!

AH,
VISITING
CARDS!

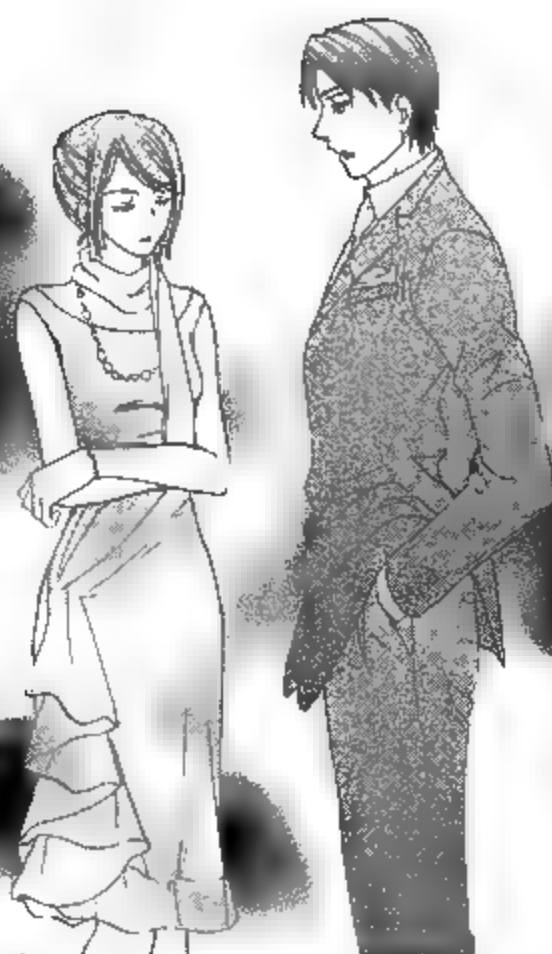
?!
✓



look
around

EHM,
HOKUTO
IS-

AH,
THERE



She was
with Hokuto's
father in his
hospital room..!

Ah...
That
woman.

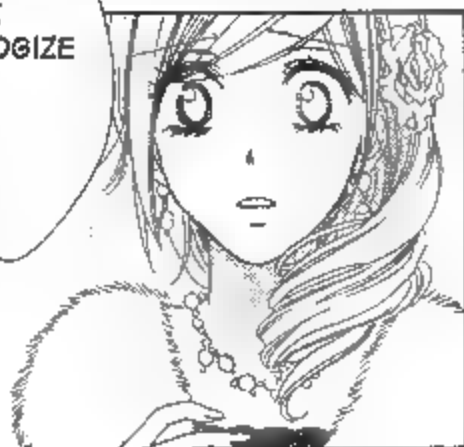


NICE TO
MEET
YOU.

ALTHOUGH
WE'VE
ALREADY
MET.

I
APOLOGIZE

THAT I
DIDN'T IN-
TRODUCE
MYSELF
PROPERLY
THE LAST
TIME WE
MET.



SO NOW
THAT WE
HAVE THE
OPPOR-
TUNITY

HERE,
THIS IS MY
VISITING
CARD.

設楽 美咲
Misaki Shirata

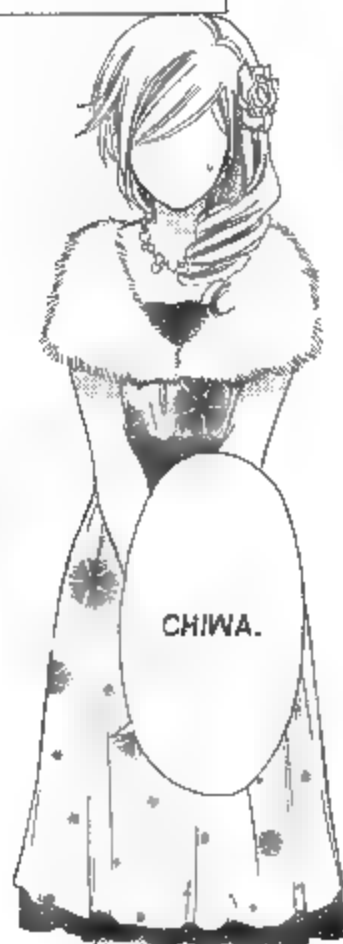
〒100-0001 東京都千代田区千代田
1-1-1 1F 100-0001 TEL. 03-1234-5678

設楽 美咲
Misaki Shirata
〒100-0001 東京都千代田区千代田
1-1-1 1F 100-0001 TEL. 03-1234-5678

Why is
she here?



Is she
Hokuto's
acquain-
tance..?



CHIWA.





MICHELLE
HEARTS, YOU
MEAN THE
BRAND?!

YES.

WELL, YES,
THANK YOU
FOR BUYING
THEM.

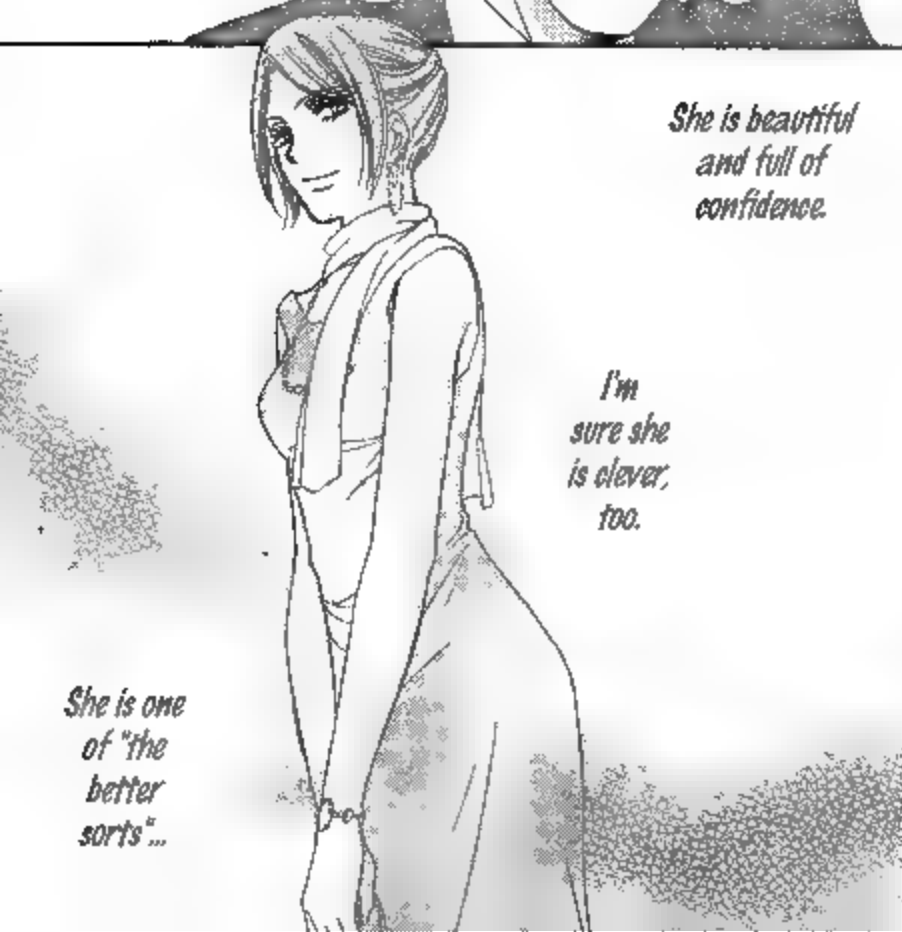
AND YOU
ARE THE
PRESI-
DENT?!

THE
CLOTHES AND
THE MAKE-
UP MY
FRIENDS AND
I ARE BUYING
THEM ALL
THE TIME!

YES, MORE
OR LESS,
THAT'S IT

BUT WE ARE
PLANNING TO
COOPERATE IN
OTHER DIVI-
SIONS FROM
NOW ON

OUR GENERAL
AFFAIRS SECTION
HAS BEEN IN
MAMIYA-SAN'S
CARE FOR SOME
TIME,



*She is beautiful
and full of
confidence.*

*I'm
sure she
is clever,
too.*

*She is one
of "the
better
sorts"...*



*So she is a
company
owner...*

*Then it's no
wonder she
knows
Hokuto's
father.*

I SEE... I
HOPE IT IS
BENEFICIAL
FOR YOU.

*She's from the
same world
as Hokuto.*

And I...

PRESI-
DENT
YANAGI-
SAWA

IT'S
BEEN A
LONG
TIME.

ARE YOU
OPENING A
NEW PLACE
TOGETHER?

YOU
SEEMED
TO BE
IN DEEP
CONVER-
SATION.

MAMIYA-
SAN AND
SHITARA-
SAN

AH!

I REMEMBER
WHEN I SAW
WHAT THE TWO
OF YOU CAME
UP WITH THREE
YEARS AGO.

I INSTANTLY
KNEW THAT
WAS THAT.

WE'RE
GREATLY
INDEBTED TO
YOU FOR THE
LAST ONE,
PRESIDENT
YANAGISAWA

AH,
IT'S STILL
TOO EARLY
SO SAY
ANYTHING
CERTAIN.

*I can't
get in.*

SO,
HOW'S IT
GOING?

I HOPE
TO BE IN
YOUR CARE
AGAIN SOON

*I'm too far
away...*





I DIDN'T KNOW
IF IT WAS ALL
RIGHT TO TELL
THE TRUTH, SO
I KIND OF

IF I SAID
ANYTHING, IT
MIGHT HAVE
BEEN BAD,

LIKE WHAT
HAPPENED ON
OKINAWA.



LOOKS
LIKE I'M
NO GOOD
AGAIN

SORRY ..

Tears

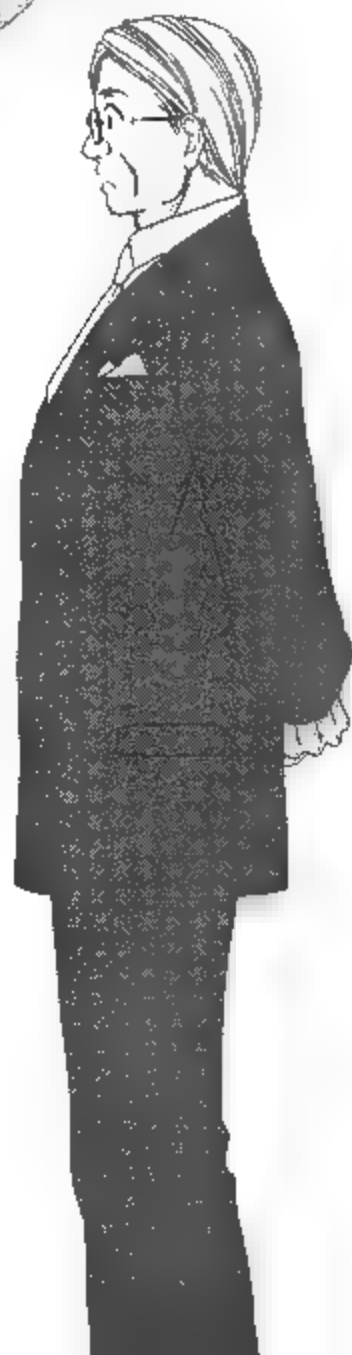
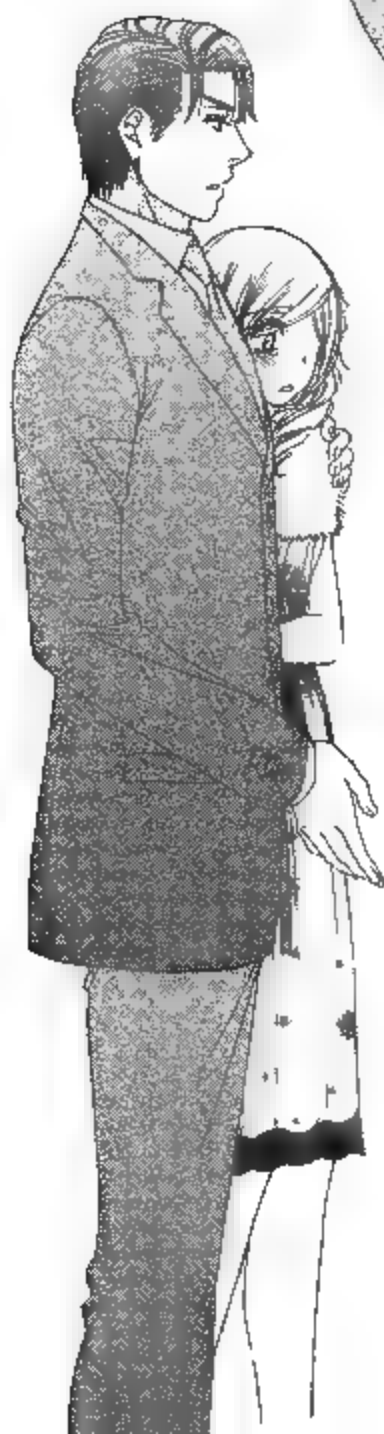
SORRY .

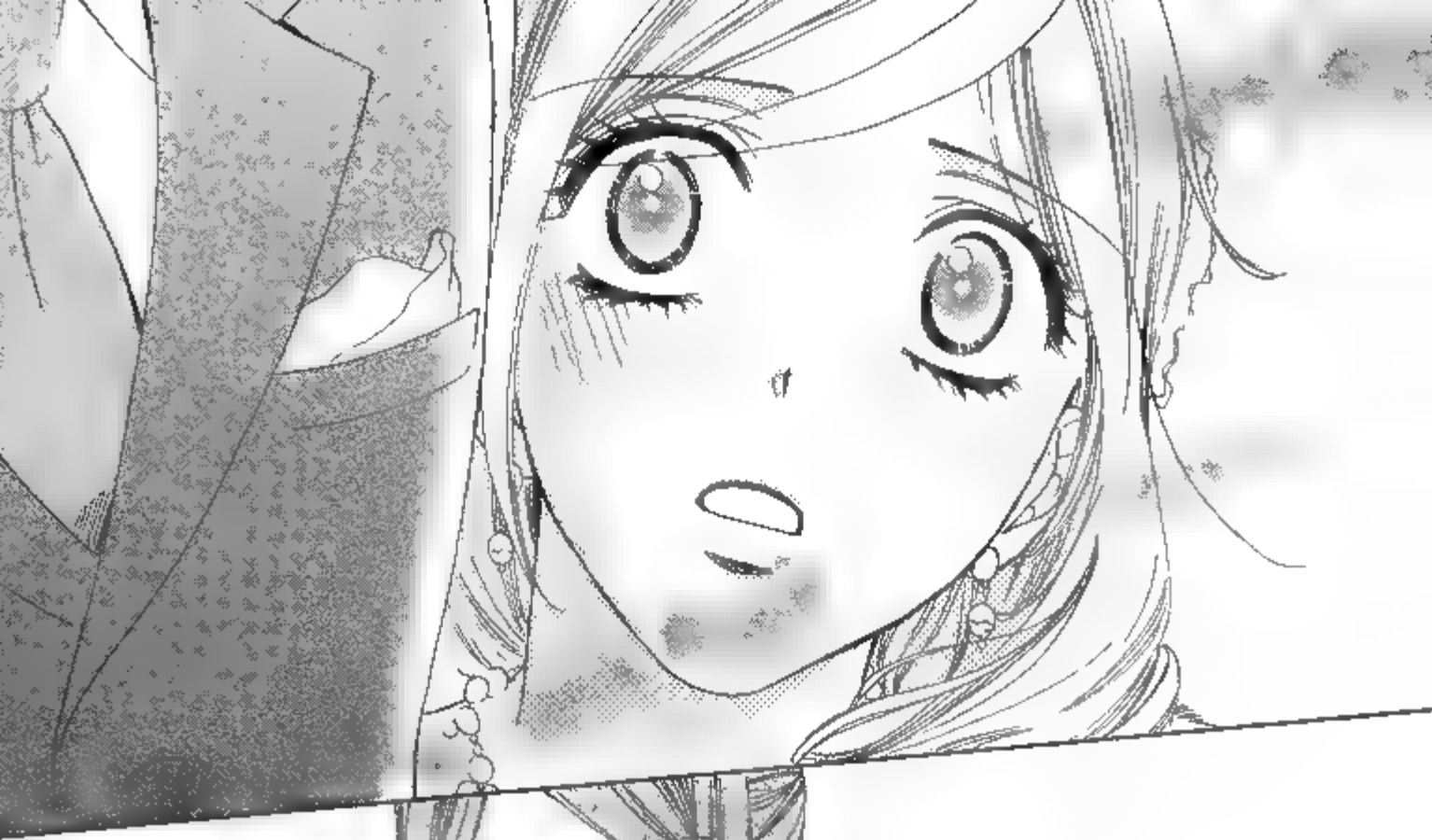
I APOLOGIZE
FOR THE DELAYED
INTRODUCTION.

PRESIDENT
NARASAKI.



THIS IS
MY WIFE
CHIWA.





CHIWA.

THIS IS
PRESIDENT
NARASAKI
FROM SHIN-
NISHIOKA
INDUSTRIES

GREET HIM
PROPERLY



MAMIYA-
SAN, YOU
WERE MAR-
RIED? WHEN
DID THAT
HAPPEN?

CASR

YES

WE HAVEN'T
HAD A RECEPTION ABOUT
IT, BUT .



SO HE'S
SETTLED
DOWN,
HAS HE,
HA-HA-HA.

WELL,
DO
YOUR
BEST
WITH
HIM.

YES...

I HAVE A
DAUGHTER
YOUR AGE.

BUT I
WAS SURE
THAT A MAN
OF MAMIYA-
SAN'S CALIBER
WOULD BE
DEAD SET ON
REMAINING A
BACHELOR.

AH,
EHM.

I'M VERY
SORRY
FOR
BEFORE.

AH,
NO,

THAT
WAS
FUN.

WAS
I.

?
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

DO YOU
REMEMBER
THEIR FACES?
ALL OF THEM?

D-DID
THAT GO
WELL. ?

DID
I.

See you

RIGHT!

HERE,
WIPE
YOUR
TEARS

YOU TOLD
ALL OF THEM
YOU WERE A
SECRETARY

I MEAN THE
PEOPLE YOU
WERE TALKING
TO BEFORE

I-I
THINK I
REMEMBER
THEM

WE'LL GO
TOGETHER

AND WE'LL
INTRODUCE
OURSELVES
PROPERLY, AS
A MARRIED
COUPLE.



RAH

THAT'S THE
TYPE OF
WOMAN I
HATE THE
MOST

THE
STARS
ARE SO
PRETTY
.OOO
.OOO





EVERYONE
WAS FULL OF
CONFIDENCE AND
SO BEAUTIFUL. I
FELT I COULD
NEVER REACH
THEM.

ALL THE
PEOPLE
WHO WERE
THERE.

LIKE THAT
SHITARA-
SAN.

YOU COULD
SAY I HAD A
BIT OF AN
INFERIORITY
COMPLEX.

BUT EVEN IF
I GIVE IN TO
THAT, IT
WON'T BE OF
ANY USE.

SINCE YOU
ARE PART OF
THAT WORLD.

I HAVE
TO DO ALL I
CAN TO GET
CLOSER TO
IT AS WELL.

THE FAULT
WAS MINE
BECAUSE
I HADN'T
LEARNED
ENOUGH AND
PREPARED.



LOOKS
LIKE BEING
A CELEB-
RITY'S
WIFE

WILL BE
PRETTY
BUSY AND
DIFFICULT.



LISTEN,
CHIWA.

I THOUGHT
I SHOULD
START WITH
SOME PLAS-
TIC SURGERY.



JUST A
LITTLE
BIT OF
PLASTIC
SUR-
GERY?

IF MY
EYES WERE
A BIT BIGGER
AND MY NOSE
A BIT HIGHER, I
WOULD LOOK
BETTER,
RIGHT?

WHAT?!

Where
did that
come from!



ENOUGH!
LISTEN!

OH
COURSE,
I'LL STUDY
HARD, TOO.

CHIWA.



IT'S HARD
TO STAND
UP FOR A
LONG
TIME

I KNOW
NOW IT IS
MY GRAND-
MOTHER
WAS LIKE
THAT

HE SAID
HIS KNEES
WERE GIVING
OUT SO I
BROUGHT HIM
A CHAIR



WE MET THE
PRESIDENT OF
KAGAMI HEAVY
INDUSTRIES
TODAY

HOW DID
HE GET SO
FRIENDLY WITH
YOU IN THE
FIRST PLACE?

EH

THAT'S
JUST IT



TO ME, IT
MAY LEAD
TO A GREAT
DEAL OF
PROFIT

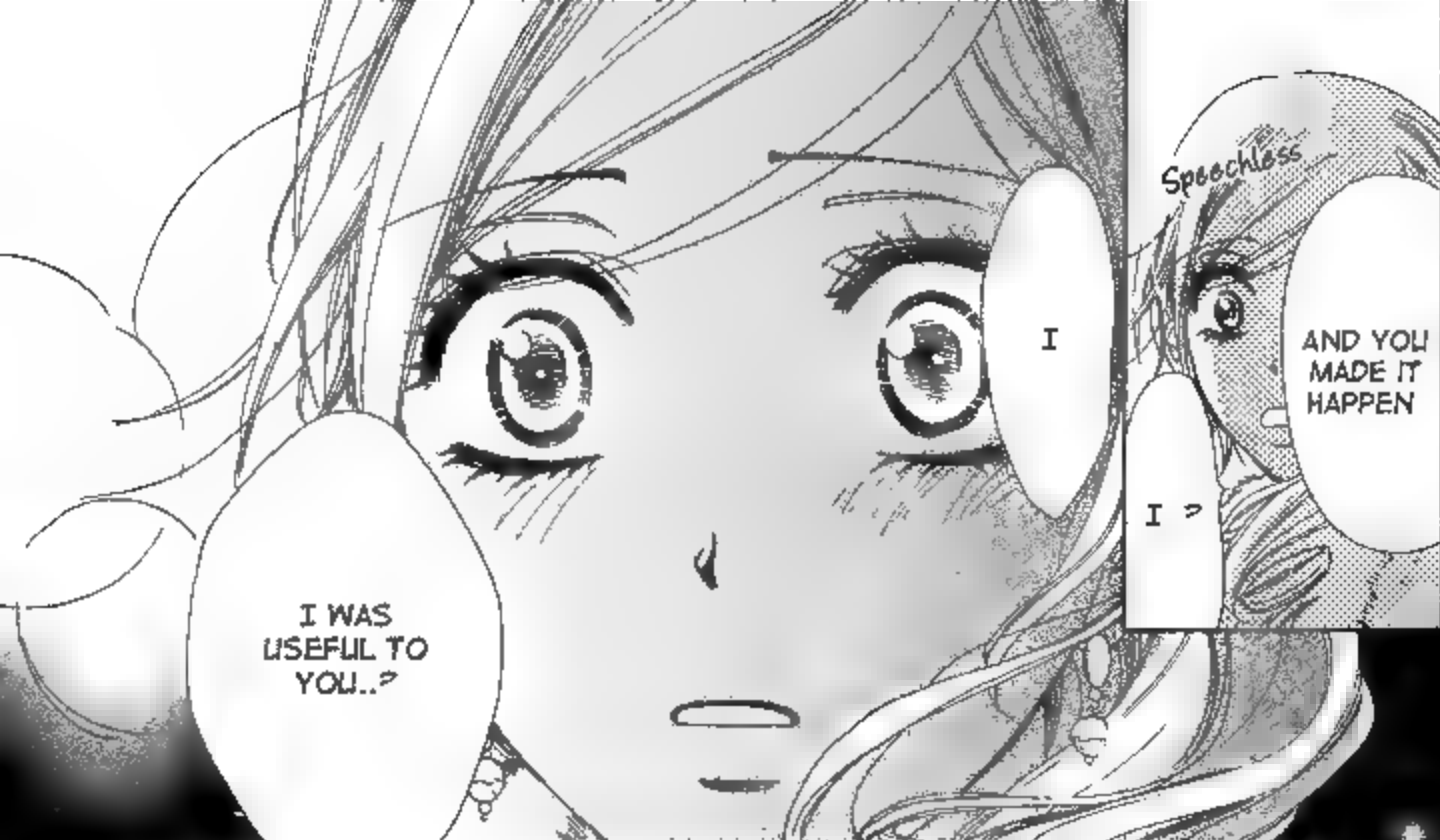
THAT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
NOTHING MUCH
TO YOU BUT



BUT I HAD
INFORMATION
THAT HE
MIGHT COME
TO THIS
PARTY

HE DOESN'T
USUALLY
SHOW UP AT
PUBLIC
PLACES
ANYMORE

HE'S
SOMEONE WITH
WHOM I'VE
BEEN DESPER-
ATELY TRYING
TO GET IN
TOUCH



I WAS
USEFUL TO
YOU..?

I

Speechless

AND YOU
MADE IT
HAPPEN

I >



I ..

SO DON'T
UNDERESTI-
MATE YOUR-
SELF SO
MUCH.

YES

EVEN
IF IT WAS
BY CHANCE,
IT WAS A
GREAT HELP.



I DID IT!



IT'S THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE BEEN
USEFUL TO
YOU, HOKUTO!

I DID IT! I
DID IT, I'M
SO HAPPY!



IT'S NOT
THE FIRST
TIME AT
ALL



I'M SORRY
FOR IGNORING
YOU TONIGHT



SO YOU
SHOULD
JUST STAY
THE WAY
YOU ARE.

YOU ARE
VALUABLE
ENOUGH TO
ME JUST AS
YOU ARE.

BUT NO
MATTER
WHERE WE
GO FROM
NOW ON,

I'LL
ALWAYS
TELL EVERY-
ONE YOU ARE
MY WIFE



IF YOU
CHANGED
YOUR FACE,

THAT DRESS
THAT FITS YOUR
IMAGE SO WELL
WON'T WORK
ANYMORE.

!

AND AN-
OTHER
THING

YEAH!

There,
there



HERE.

LET ME
TAKE A
GOOD
LOOK
AT IT.

BUT SOUMA-
SAN CHOSE IT
FOR ME AND-

**SORRY TO
INFORM YOU,
BUT I CHOSE IT
FOR YOU.**

EH!

EH?

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH THE
DRESS?!

Grab



YES.

AS I
THOUGHT,
IT'S GOOD.

Wahh



TAKING
YOU TO
TONIGHT'S
PARTY

**SHOWERING YOU
WITH PRAISES WILL
CRAMP MY STYLE.**



YOU DIDN'T
RESPOND AT
ALL, SO I
COULDN'T TELL
WHAT YOU
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT



IN THE
DRESS
I CHOSE
FOR YOU.

WAS JUST
BECAUSE
I WANTED
TO SEE YOU
DRESSED UP, TO
BE HONEST



THIS
TIME

YOU MADE
YOURSELF
PRETTY FOR
MY SAKE
ONLY.



WELL,
THAT'S
NO GOOD
EITHER.

Y-YOU ONLY
HAD TO SAY
AND I WOULD
HAVE DONE IT
ANYTIME...



What do
I do?

DON'T UN-
DERESTIMATE
YOURSELF.

THERE'S NO
WIFE CUTER
THAN YOU.



I'm so happy
tonight it's
almost scary.



WHAT
SHOULD WE
DO FROM
NOW ON?

AND
NOW.



I DO FEEL
LIKE UN-
DRESSING
YOU RIGHT
AWAY, BUT

I WANT TO
LEAVE YOU
LIKE THIS
FOREVER,
TOO

I REALLY
DON'T KNOW
WHICH ONE TO
CHOOSE .

who doesn't
understand

I'm the
one

EXHAUSTED

so much
happiness

En

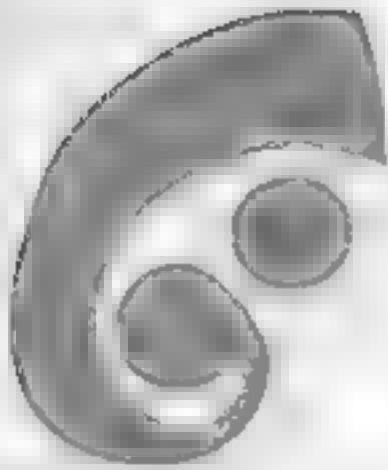
Her

what to do
with?

<23th Step What can I do for you?> "The End"





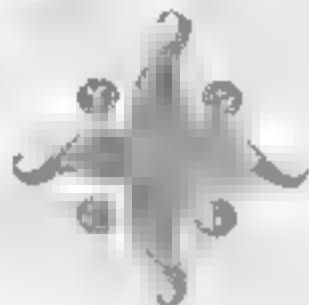


AERANDRIA

The rabid souls behind your favorite releases!



Hapi Mari
v06 ch23



SCANNER: LACAILE

TRANSLATOR: MARI

PROOFREADER: LACAILE

EDITORS: KAGA GIGI

QUALITY CHECK: CRAXX



That woman smells... trouble. Sorry to say this but sometimes I wanna smack Chiwa's head for being overly.. low of confidence :/

-craxx



24th Step

May I walk by your
side?

SPECIAL THANKS

Assistant

**K·SANO
E·SHIMOJO
Y MICHISHITA
N·HORI**

Editor

M·OKADA

**SEND YOUR
COMMENTS AND
IMPRESSIONS TO
THIS ADDRESS:
101-8001**

**TOKYO-TO,
CHIYODA-KU,
HITOTSUBASHI 2-3-1
SHOGAKUKAN PETIT
COMICS EDITORIAL**

**ENJOUJI MAKI
*YOU CAN ALSO
SEND HER MAILS
FROM THE OFFICIAL
WEBSITE OF PETIT
COMICS!**



WELCOME
HOME,
HOKUTO!!!

I READ
EVERYTHING
YOU HAD MARKED
FOR ME FOR
TODAY!

ISN'T
THAT ALL
OF IT?

EHM

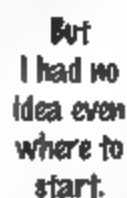
At
present

EHM,

HERE
AND
HERE..

SO,
WHAT
DIDN'T YOU
UNDER-
STAND?





But I had no idea even where to start.

And so, Hokuto decided to give me a hand...

I've been studying every night, something I haven't done ever since the company entrance exam.

I thought I should get a better understanding of the nature of Hokuto's work.

IF YOU CAN'T EVEN READ AN ECONOMICS NEWSPAPER, YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND WHAT I DO.

WHAT'S YOUR FORTE SUPPOSED TO BE?

ECONOMICS IS NOT MY FORTE

I-I CAN'T HELP IT

NON-EXISTENT.

AH, BUT YOUR MEMORY IS REALLY...

WELL,,

IF IT'S THAT BAD, WHY DON'T YOU QUIT?

I COULDN'T IMAGINE THERE WOULD BE SO MANY TERMS.

B
A
N
G



I'LL DO
IT !



YES,
YES

SO PLEASE,
CONTINUE TO
TEACH ME!

I
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
LIVE WITH
MYSELF
IF I QUIT
NOW



IT
WOULDN'T
CHANGE
THE FACT
YOU ARE
MY WIFE

IT
DOESN'T
MATTER IF
YOU KNOW
NOTHING
ABOUT ECO-
NOMICS.



WE
DON'T
EVEN
HAVE
ENOUGH
TIME FOR
SEX

YES,
YES, I
GET IT

IT
SHOULD
BE YOUR
ABSOLUTE
FIRST
PRIORITY

AH,
BUT IF
YOU'RE
TOO BUSY
WITH WORK,
THAT'S ALL
RIGHT.



EXCUSE ME!

HOLD THE DOOR PLEASE!



PUFF!
PUFF!

Hokuto is constantly busy.

But right now, things are pretty busy in my company too.



AH! JUST IN TIME!

ASAHINA-SAN IT'S HERE!



I have a post

REALLY?!

I'LL TREAT YOU TO LUNCH AS A REWARD

ALL RIGHT THEN

with Asahina-san.

It's actually really easy to work with him.

but I saw that, at work, he is capable and reliable.



THE OLD MAN AT THE WHOLESALE STORE SAID WE COULD HAVE A PRICE DOWN

BECAUSE I HAD BEEN YING AROUND THE STORAGE FOR SOME TIME

YOU'RE DOING UNEXPECTEDLY WELL

And you're really good with old men

AND YOU KNOW
WHAT KIND OF
PLACE THAT IS,
SO I PUT ON A
SUIT, JUST
IN CASE

TODAY,
I'M GOING WITH
SAKURABA-SAN
TO MAMIYA
ENTERPRISES
FOR THE START
OF A NEW
PROJECT.

And he's
basically
really easy to
communicate
with.

BY
THE WAY,
WHY ARE YOU
DRESSED UP
LIKE THIS
TODAY?

EHH?!

AH,
THIS?

TALK
ABOUT HUGE
COINCIDENCES,
IT'S THE SAME
NAME AS
YOURS.

BUT,
I MEAN,
"MAMIYA
ENTER-
PRISES"?

GOOD
FOR
YOU

I-IS
THAT
SO

I
HEARD
YOU'RE
GOING TO
MAMIYA WITH
ASAHINA-
SAN.

AH,
YES,

IT'S ALL
RIGHT LEAVE
EVERYTHING
TO ME.

YES,
ISN'T
IT?!

AH! S-
SAKURABA-
SAN!

But his
habit of
winding me
up hasn't
changed
at all.



I'M
LEAVING
THE REST
TO YOU

IF
ANYTHING
HAPPENS,
CALL ME
ON THE
MOBILE

AH.

WE
HAVE
TO GO
NOW

I beg you,
Sakuraba-san.

I don't
want another
gale between
Asahina-san
and me.



EH, WELL,
MORE OR
LESS

AND THIS
NECKTIE IS
SO TIGHT

ARE YOU
NERVOUS?

WHAT
IS IT?



I HATED
EVEN THE
CLIP-ON
NECKTIE AT
SCHOOL, YOU
KNOW

LOOK
AT YOU,
A GROWN
MAN
SAYING
THAT-

AREN'T YOU
SAKURABA-
SAN?

EH?!

AH.
PRESIDENT
MAMIYA!!!



EHM, THE
PREVIOUS
TIME .

I OVER-
STEPPED
THE BOR-
DERS



T-THANK
YOU

FOR
PATRONIZING
OUR COM-
PANY

IT'S
A PLEA-
SURE

WE
HAVEN'T
MET FOR
SOME
TIME



IS YOU?

AND
THIS IS?

NO

THANK
YOU FOR
SUPPORTING
MY WIFE .

AH, HE'S HER
IMMEDIATE
SUPERIOR

HIS
NAME IS
ASAHINA AND
HE'S FROM THE
SAME UNIVER-
SITY AS HER.



I'VE
HEARD
ABOUT YOU
FROM MY
WIFE

AH



WIFE?

WHAT
WIFE ?

NICE
TO MEET
YOU.

N-NICE TO
MEET YOU, I'M
ASAHINA.



ASAHI-NASAN

IMPOSSIBLE!!!

DON'T TELL ME

MAMIYA HOKUTO



DON'T LET THAT WORRY YOU AND MAKE SURE YOU TRAIN HER WELL.

I KNOW YOUR EMPLOYEE'S POSITION IS VERY COMPLEX, BUT



Y-YES

I LEAVE HER
IN YOUR CARE FROM NOW ON AS WELL



SAKURABA-SAN

EHM
YOU REALIZED, DIDN'T YOU





I'M
SORRY.

IT'S
A LONG
STORY

I knew
it. he
caught
me...

WAIT A
MINUTE,
WHAT WAS
THAT SUP-
POSED TO
MEAN?!

EXPLAIN
YOURSELF
RIGHT
NOW!!

I-MAX

ASAHINA-SAN,
THERE WAS A
FAX FROM
LEAVE CON-
FECTIONERY

Welcome
back!

AH!





WHY DO
YOU EVEN
WORK AT
SUCH A
PLACE?

FOR
FUN?

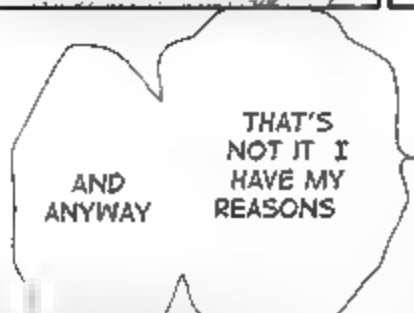
I can't
take it
anymore!



DON'T
CALL ME
THAT!

IT
FEELS
BAD.

IT'S THE
TRUTH



AND
ANYWAY

THAT'S
NOT IT I
HAVE MY
REASONS



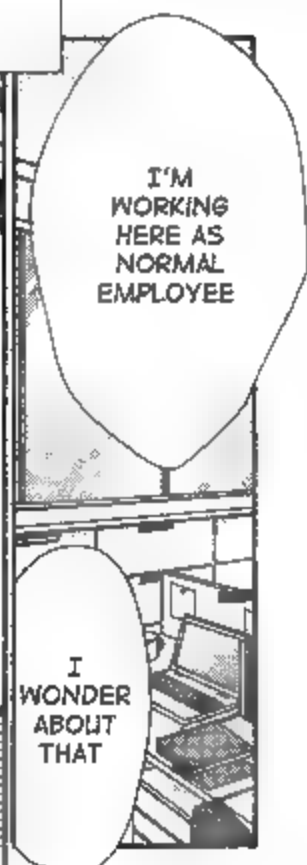
Just when
we were
starting to
communi-
cate.

We're
back to
square
one...



IF YOU TELL
YOUR HUSBAND
"AH, I DON'T
LIKE MY
BOSS"

YOU CAN GET
ANY SPECIAL
TREATMENT
YOU WANT



I'M
WORKING
HERE AS
NORMAL
EMPLOYEE

I
WONDER
ABOUT
THAT

I...

...

IF I
MEANT TO
DO SOMETHING
SO COWARDLY,
I WOULD HAVE
DONE IT A
LONG TIME
AGO.

DO I
LOOK TO
YOU AS THE
KIND OF
PERSON WHO
WOULD DO
SUCH A THING,
ASAHINA-
SAN?

AND
MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY

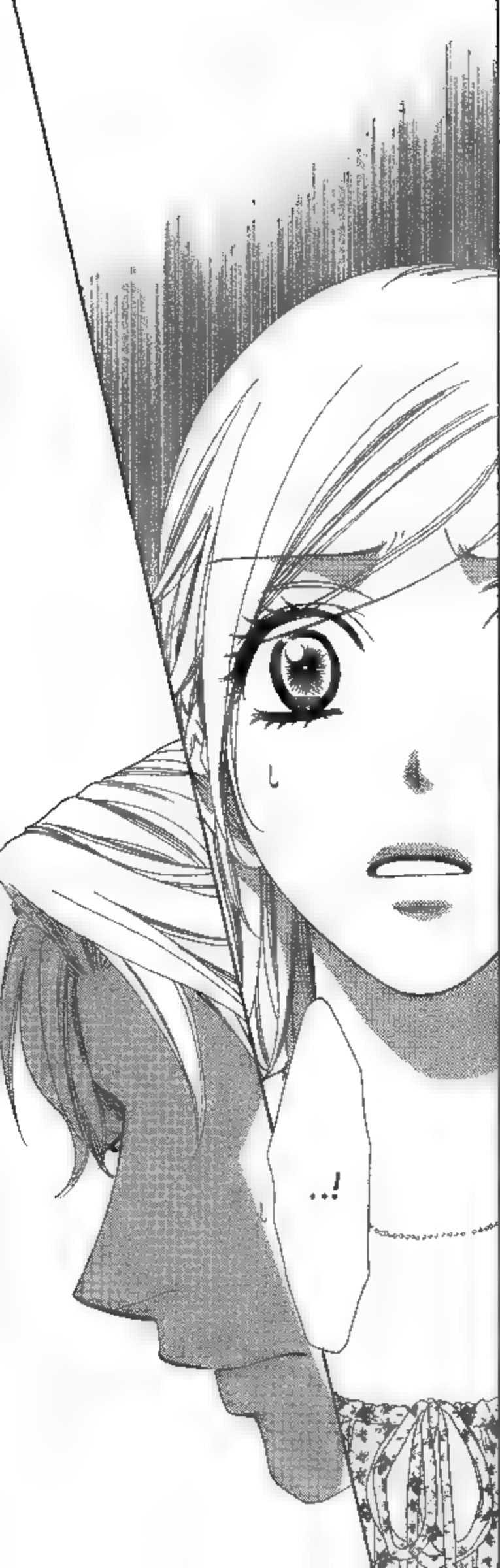
I CAME TO
TRUST YOU
AS A BOSS,
ASAHINA-
SAN.

BUT
YOU—

WE HAD
SOME PROB-
LEMS AT THE
BEGINNING,

BUT I THINK
I DID MY JOB
PROPERLY.

AND
ANOTHER
THING,

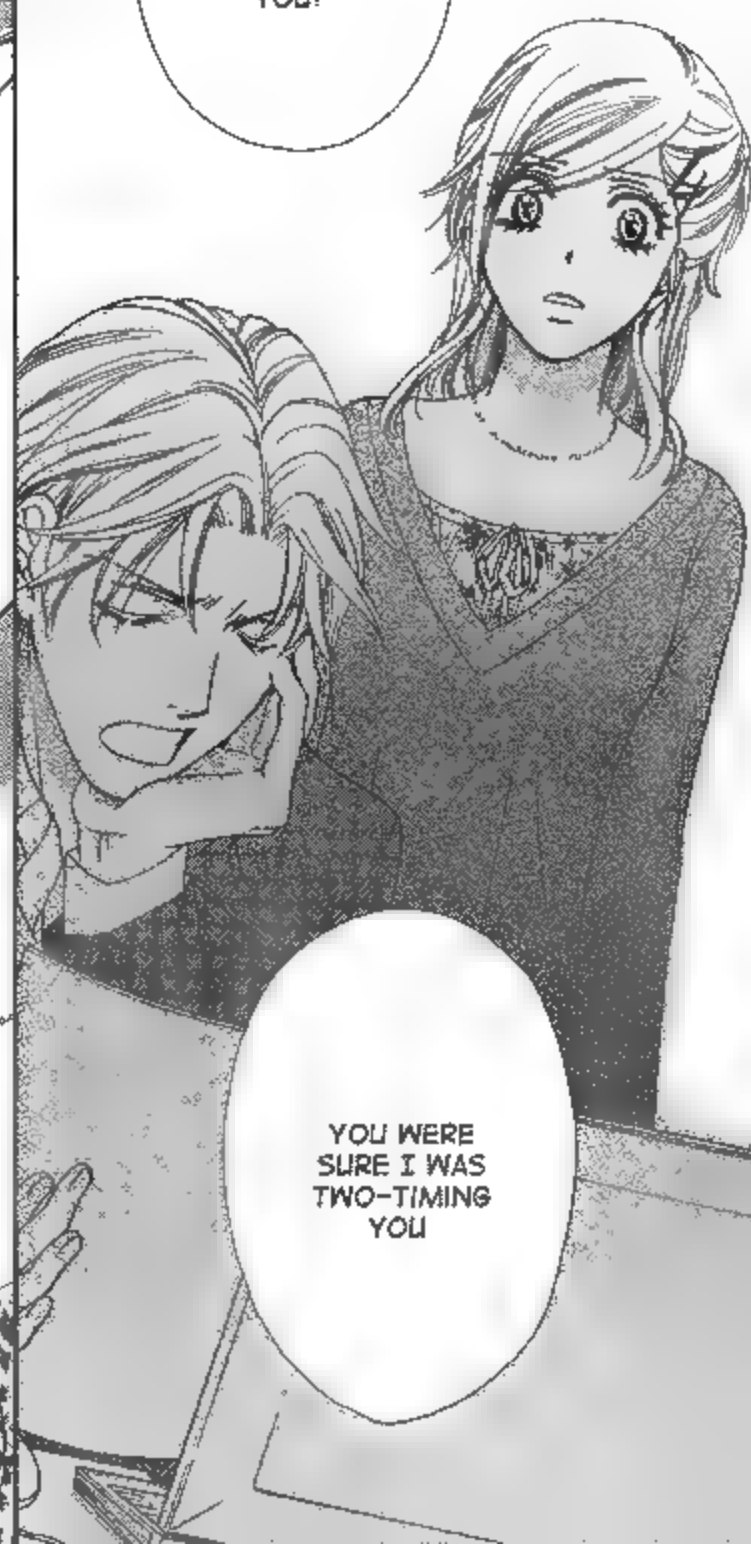


TRUST

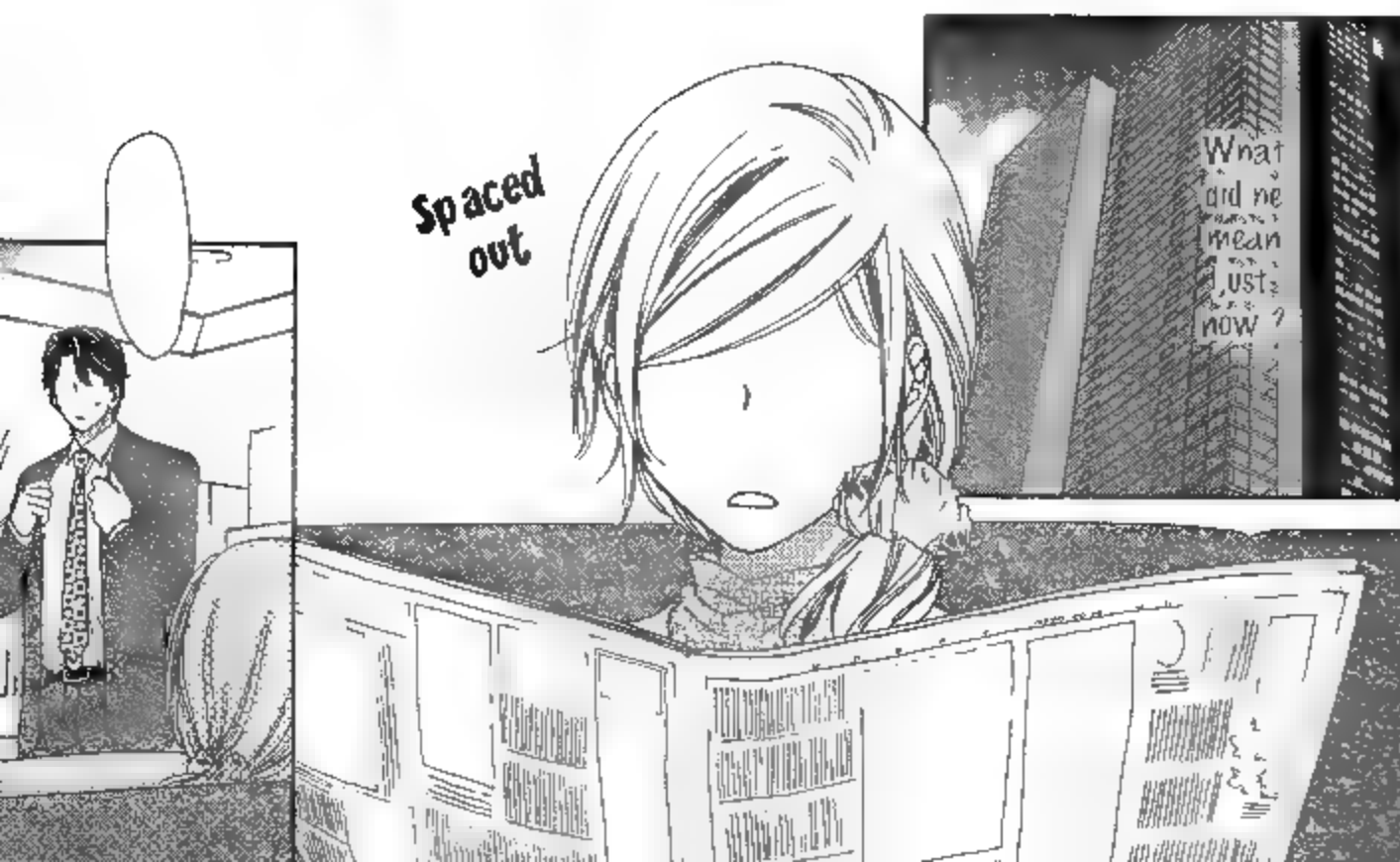
WHAT A
CONVENIENT
WORD

YOU SAID
THE SAME
LINES IN
THE PAST,
TOO

BUT
YOU DIDN'T
BELIEVE
IN ME, DID
YOU?



YOU WERE
SURE I WAS
TWO-TIMING
YOU





WHAT IS IT?

YOU'RE SLEEPING WITH YOUR EYES OPEN.

WAH!
WELCOME HOME?!



Hey!



PINCH



EH!

D-DID HE SAY ANY-THING?

NOTHING SPECIAL.



I MET YOUR BOSS TODAY.

ASAHINA, WAS HE? HE'S PRETTY YOUNG

Not good.
I was so preoccupied with those words I didn't notice...



If I had believed in him

If he wasn't two timing me,

YOU NEVER MENTIONED A WORD ABOUT THAT

BUT I HEARD YOU WERE IN THE SAME UNIVERSITY?

I can't
even think
about

a life
without
Hokuto
anymore.

If I
had not
married
Hokuto



No,
I hate
the very
thought.

What
would have
happened?

Where
would I be
now?



YES

BUT THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN WE
KNEW
EACH
OTHER

REALLY

HM?



HO...

I am

HOKUTO!

WHAT
IS IT?

HUG

AH
EHM

YOU LOOK
HORRIBLE.

*The
choice*

*I made
that day
was right.*

YES...

ARE YOU
TRYING TO
SEDUCE
ME?

SO WHY
ARE YOU
ACTING SO
SPOILED?

I-I'M
FINE!

IT'S
NOTH-
ING

EH?

LACK OF
SLEEP?

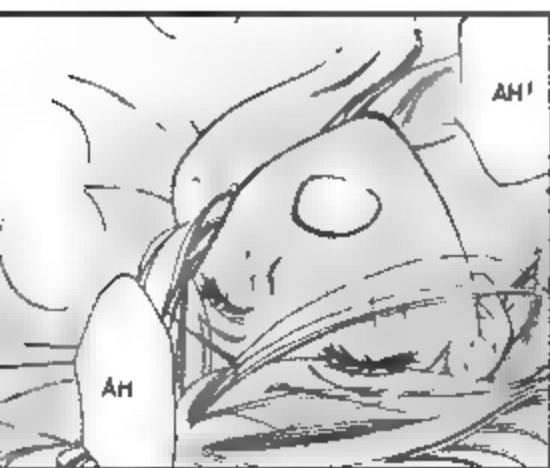
SHOULD
WE SKIP
YOUR
LESSONS
TODAY?



YOU
DON'T
FEEL LIKE
IT..?

BUT

IT'S NO
GOOD, IS
IT ?



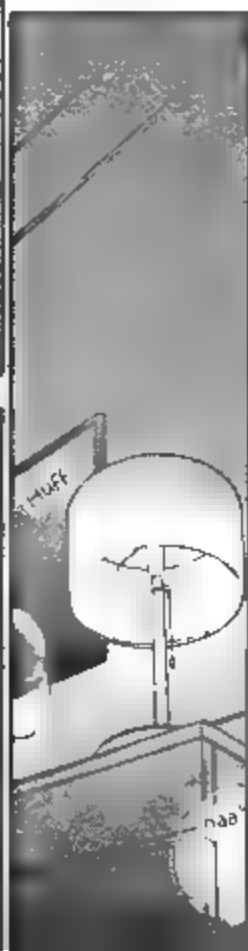
AH!

Ah



HOKU-
TO

WHAT?



OF
COURSE
I DO

*No matter
what the
truth may be
about what
happened in
the past*



These
are the only
hands

I want
to touch
me

I LOVE
YOU .



I-MAX

RIGHT!

AFTER
THAT,
START WITH
THE SHOP
CLASSIFICA-
TION!

AH,
MUST BE
LESS THAN
HALF AN
HOUR

MAMIYA!

HOW
MUCH
LONGER
WILL THAT
TAKE?

All right,
all right

But actually,
we're so busy I
don't even have
time to think
about that.

Asahina-san's
behaviour is
back to
normal!



SFX DIZZY

MAMIYA!

CAN YOU
TAKE A LOOK
AT THIS
FIRST?

*It's bad for
the health, but
I'm glad I'm so
busy...*

SO
MANY
THINGS
TO DO

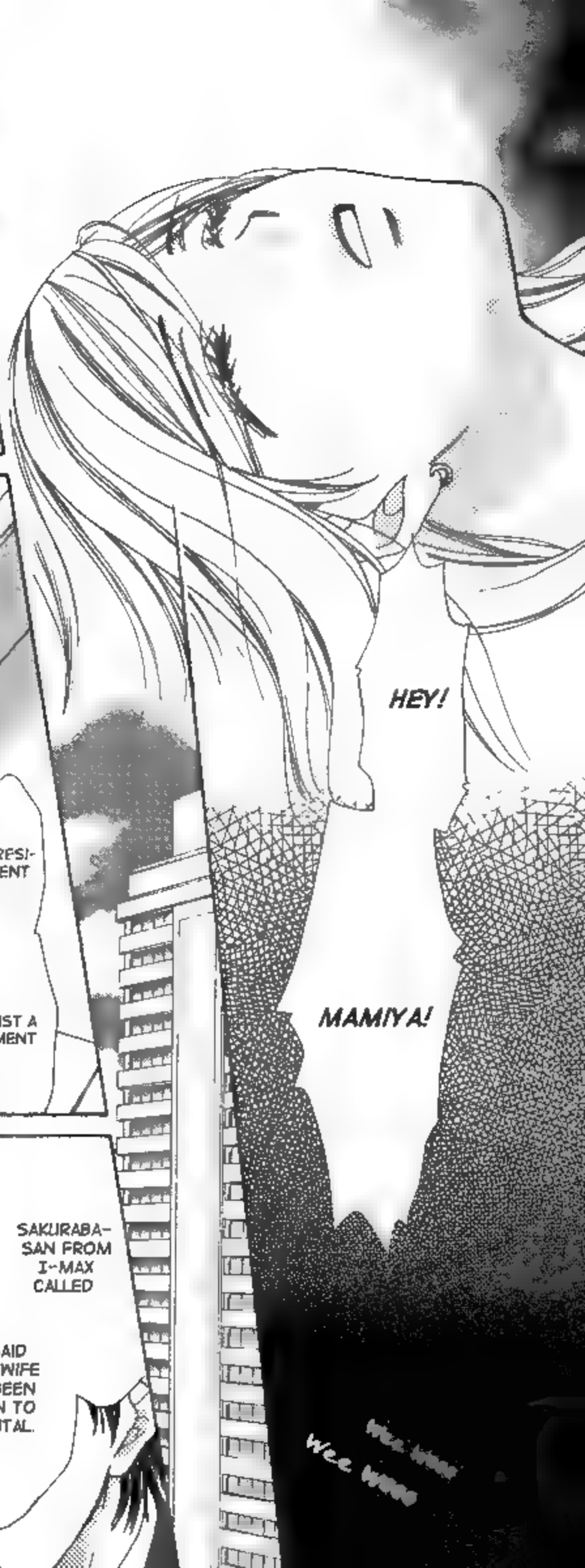
?!

AH!

YES

SFX THUD

MAMIYA?!



WHA—

IT DOESN'T
SEEM TO BE
ANYTHING
PARTICULARLY
DANGEROUS,
BUT SHE
WILL STAY
IN THE HOS-
PITAL FOR
NOW

Ah, but if
you're too busy
with work,
that's all
right

It should be
your absolute
first priority.

WHAT
WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO DO?

PRES
NT



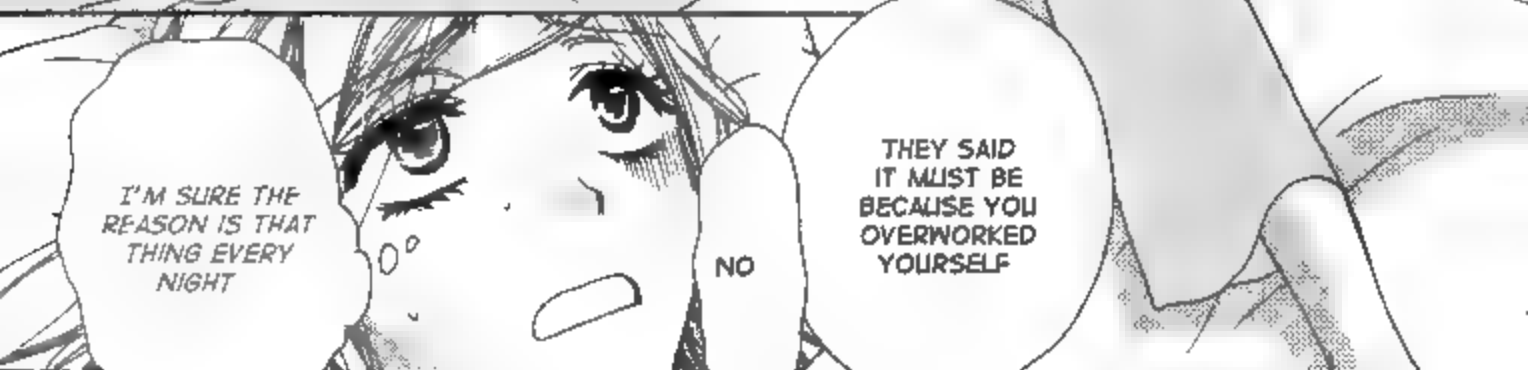


NO,
NO

WE'RE GLAD
IT WASN'T
SERIOUS

I'M
SORRY.

YOU'LL HAVE TO
STAY THE NIGHT,
THOUGH, JUST
IN CASE



I'M SURE THE
REASON IS THAT
THING EVERY
NIGHT

NO

THEY SAID
IT MUST BE
BECAUSE YOU
OVERWORKED
YOURSELF



AH,
WHAT
DO I DO
NOW?
WHAT A
BOTHER
THIS IS
BECOM-
ING

WHAT'S
UP WITH
THAT?!



BUT HE WAS
IN THE MIDDLE
OF AN IMPOR-
TANT MEETING
AND SAID HE'D
COME AFTER
IT



AH,
AND I
CALLED
YOUR
HUSBAND,
TOO

OVER-
WORK

EH?.



ISNT
HE WORRIED
ABOUT HIS
OWN WIFE?!

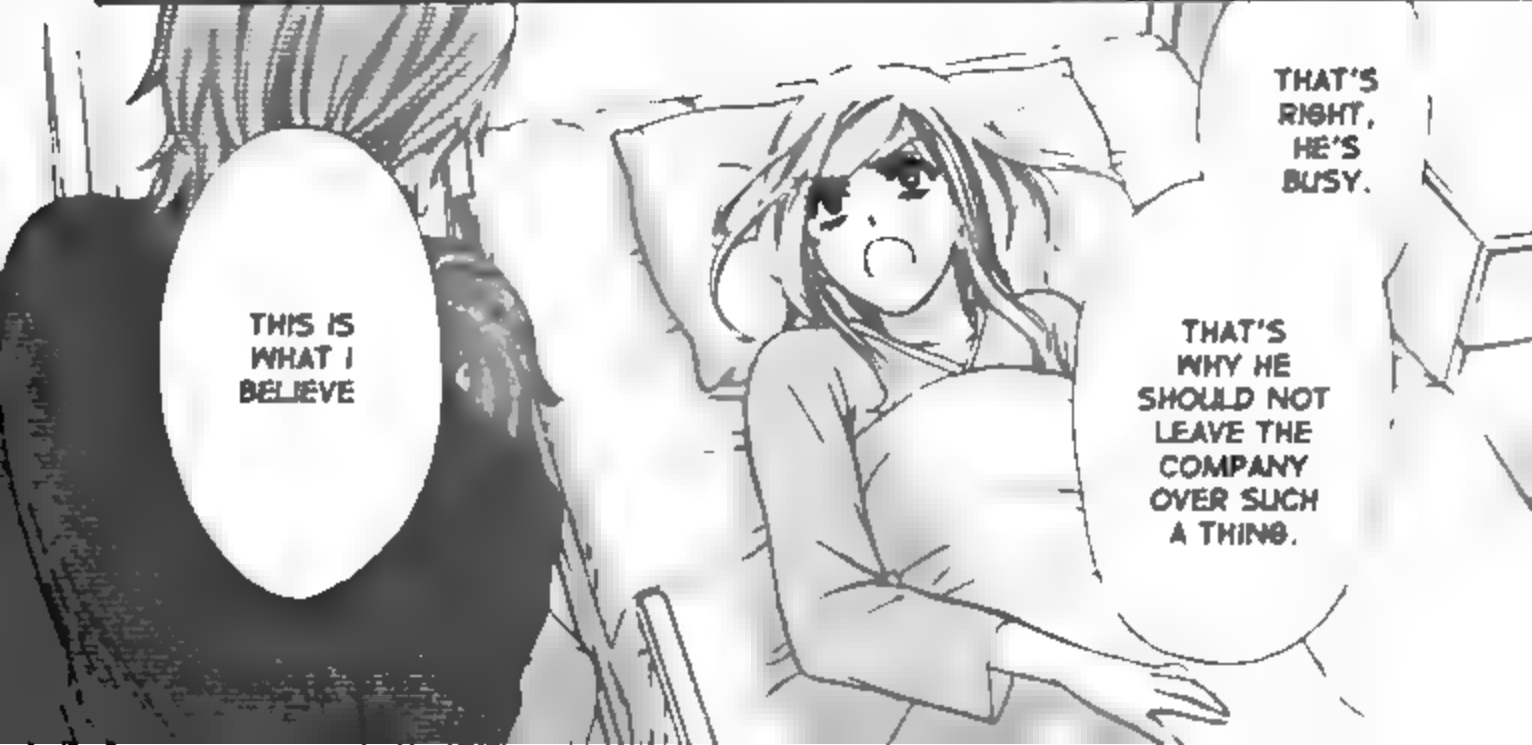
AT SUCH
TIMES, HE'S
SUPPOSED TO
COME HERE
RUNNING.



ASAHINA-
SAN.

ASAHI-

I
KNOW HE'S
A PRESIDENT
AND HE'S
BUSY,
BUT —



THIS IS
WHAT I
BELIEVE

THAT'S
RIGHT,
HE'S
BUSY.

THAT'S
WHY HE
SHOULD NOT
LEAVE THE
COMPANY
OVER SUCH
A THING.



IT HAS
NOTHING TO
DO WITH
YOU,

ASAHINA-SAN



AND
MOREOVER,
THIS IS A
PROBLEM
BETWEEN
MY HUSBAND
AND ME



I'M
GOING
BACK,
TOO

BUT IF
ANYTHING
HAPPENS,
I'LL COME
RIGHT
AWAY

I THINK HE
FEELS RE-
SPONSIBLE
FOR YOU,
AS YOUR
SUPERIOR

HE
THINKS HE
MIGHT HAVE
BEEN TOO
HARD ON
YOU

ALL
RIGHT



ENOUGH
ALREADY, I
GET IT

I'M GOING
BACK TO THE
COMPANY

But I
don't
want to
feel that
way ever
again.

Like I
did when I
heard he had
lost an impor-
tant contract
opportunity
because
of me.

It can't be
helped, since he
doesn't know
anything about
Makoto and the
circumstances
of our mar-
riage.

LET'S
SLEEP

Asahina san
butted in even
though it was
none of his
business.

BUT I'M
LONELY
AFTER
ALL
I HOPE I
DREAM OF
HOLLY TO

SWEAK

OPEN

513

MAMIYA



WHY DID
YOU HAVE
TO MARRY
HIM ?

HE
DOESN'T
SUIT YOU
AT ALL.

WHAT'S
WITH THAT
GUY ?





AREN'T YOU
JUST PUSHING
YOURSELF FOR
SOMETHING THAT
DOESN'T
EXIST..?

YOU
SEEM
TO BE IN
A TRANCE,
OBSESSED
WITH
HIM.

BUT
WHAT
ABOUT
HIM?





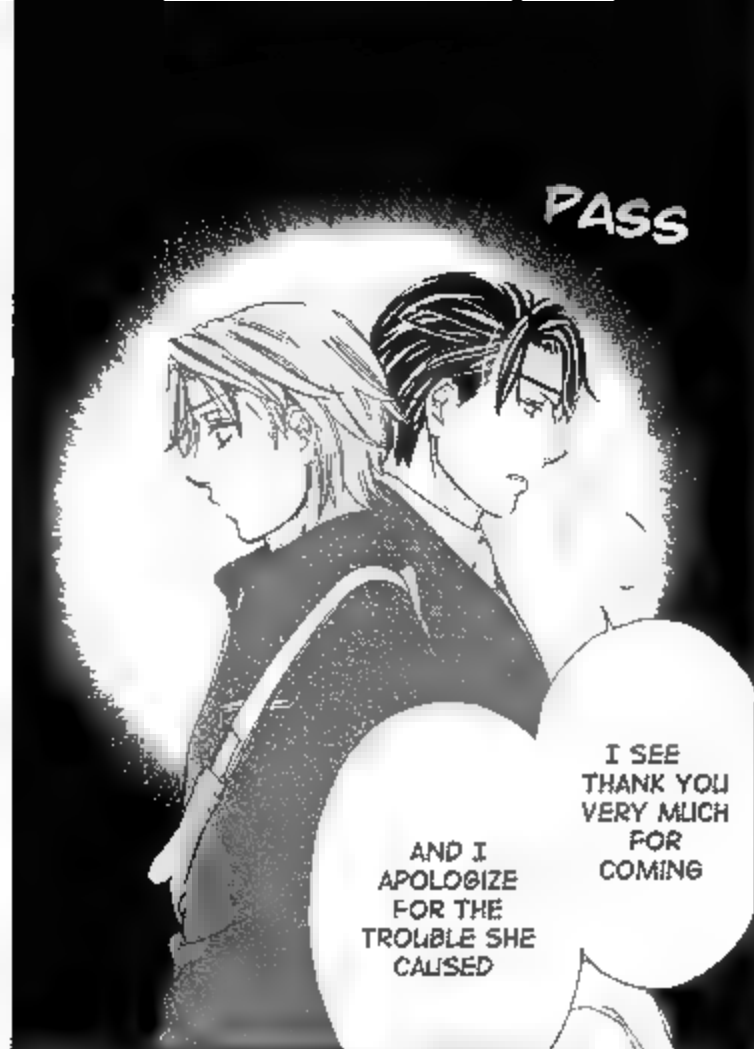
He-49

YOU
ARE.

ASAHIINA-
SAN ..

AH,
YES?

OH
NO



PASS

AND I
APOLOGIZE
FOR THE
TROUBLE SHE
CAUSED

I SEE
THANK YOU
VERY MUCH
FOR
COMING



I WAS
WORRIED
AND CAME
TO SEE
HER,

BUT
SHE'S
ASLEEP
NOW



WE WERE
VERY BUSY,
AT THE COM-
PANY, SO IT
MIGHT BE
BECAUSE OF
THAT



BUT IF
IT WERE
ME

I WOULD
HAVE COME
RUNNING
SOONER

I'M
NOT
MAR-
RIED,

SO I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
THESE THINGS
VERY WELL.



ISN'T THIS
WHAT BEING
HUSBAND AND
WIFE IS ALL
ABOUT?

YOU ARE
TOGETHER
BECAUSE YOU
LOVE EACH
OTHER



I'M
SORRY

THAT
WAS
RUDE OF
ME





ALL
CASE

ALL
ABOUT
YOUR
MOM



NO-
HOKUTOP!



I'M
SORRY!

IT'S
ALL RIGHT
IT'S MORE
OR LESS
DONE



IT'S
LIKE I'M
CAUSING YOU
TROUBLE
AGAIN...

I
HAVE...

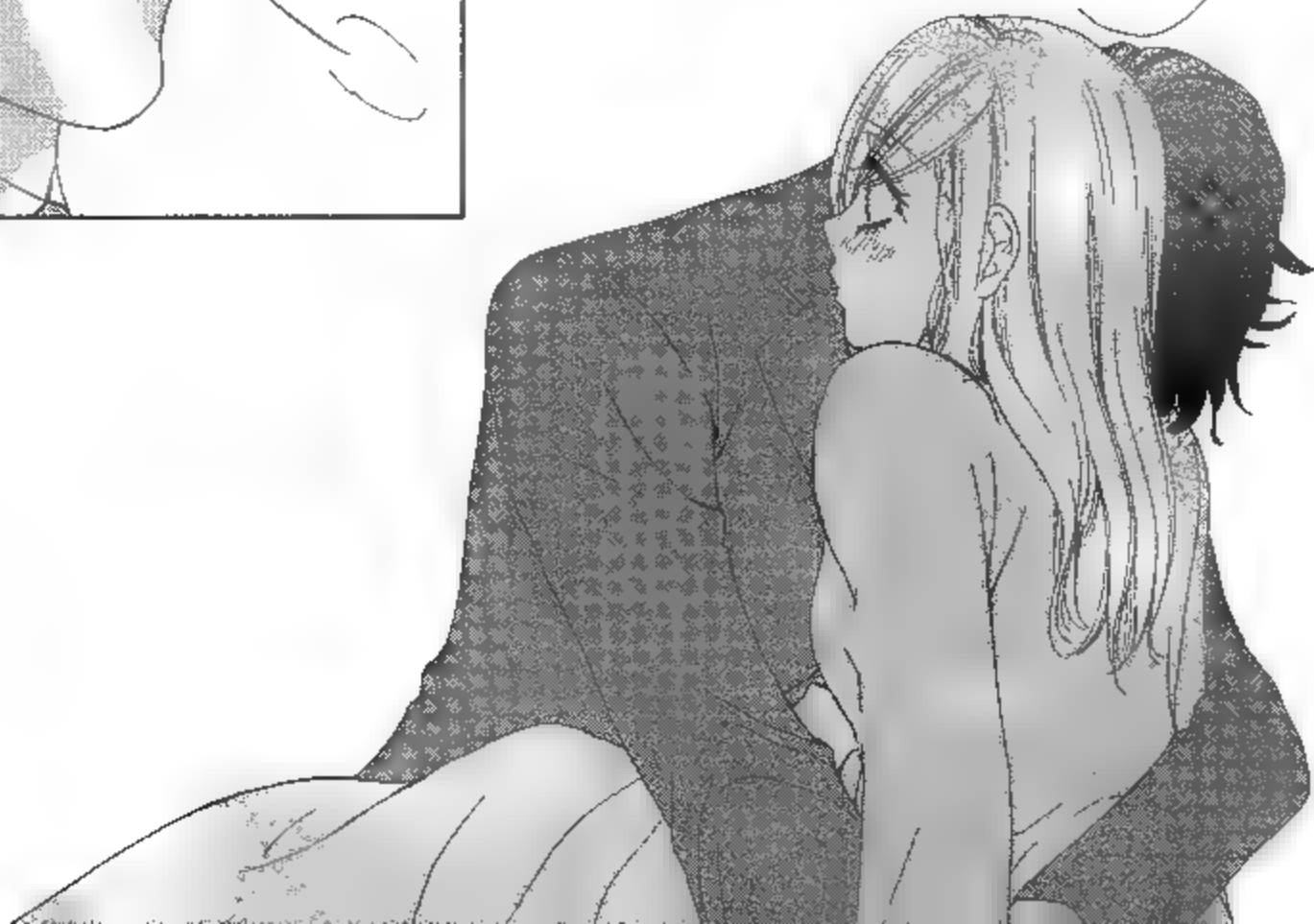
I'M SORRY!
I'M REALLY
SORRY.

I DIDN'T
MEAN FOR
THIS TO
HAPPEN.



?

CHIWA.





CHIWA...

CHIWA.

CHIWA

HOKU-

I
THOUGHT
YOU HAVE
LAST TIME I
HELD YOU,
TOO

I KNEW
YOU WERE
PUSHING
YOURSELF
TOO HARD

AND
EVEN
SO,
I



W-WHAT ?

OH

YOU'VE LOST
WEIGHT

EH?

GROPE
GROPE
GROPE
GROPE



I WAS
HAPPY

I WAS
HAPPY
THAT FOR
THE FIRST
TIME,

I WAS
HAPPY YOU
WERE PUSHING
YOURSELF SO HARD
TO GET A LITTLE
CLOSER TO MY
WORLD

YOU
AND I
HAD SOME
COMMON
TOPIC OF
INTEREST
TO TALK
ABOUT



AH, I,
EHM

WELL,
THAT'S
HOW IT
IS.

BUT YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO FEEL RE-
SPONSIBLE

I
WAS
HAPPY

EH~
WHAT~

I
SAID,

I
WAS
HAPPY,
ALL
RIGHT!

YOU'RE
DOING IT ON
YOUR OWN



I HAD
NO IDEA
THAT THINGS
WERE SO BUSY
AT YOUR COM-
PANY RIGHT
NOW.

MY
PARENTS
WERE NOT
MARRIED

SO I GOT
CARRIED
AWAY AND
SOMEHOW

AND IT'S NO
GOOD IF YOU'RE
THE ONLY ONE
TRYING TO GET
CLOSER TO MY
WORLD

I
HAVE TO
MAKE AN
EFFORT TO
KNOW MORE
ABOUT YOU,
TOO.

THAT'S
WHY I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
PROPER MARRIED
COUPLES
SHOULD
DO.

BUT
EVEN SO,
I CAN TELL
THAT THIS IS
WRONG





are
finally starting
to move at the
same speed.

WANT
TO BE BY
YOUR SIDE
TONIGHT, UNTIL
YOU CAN'T
STAND ME
ANYMORE.

And
now he
and I

<24th Step May I walk by your side?> *The End*



AERANDRIA

THE RAPID SOULS BEHIND YOUR FAVORITE RELEASES

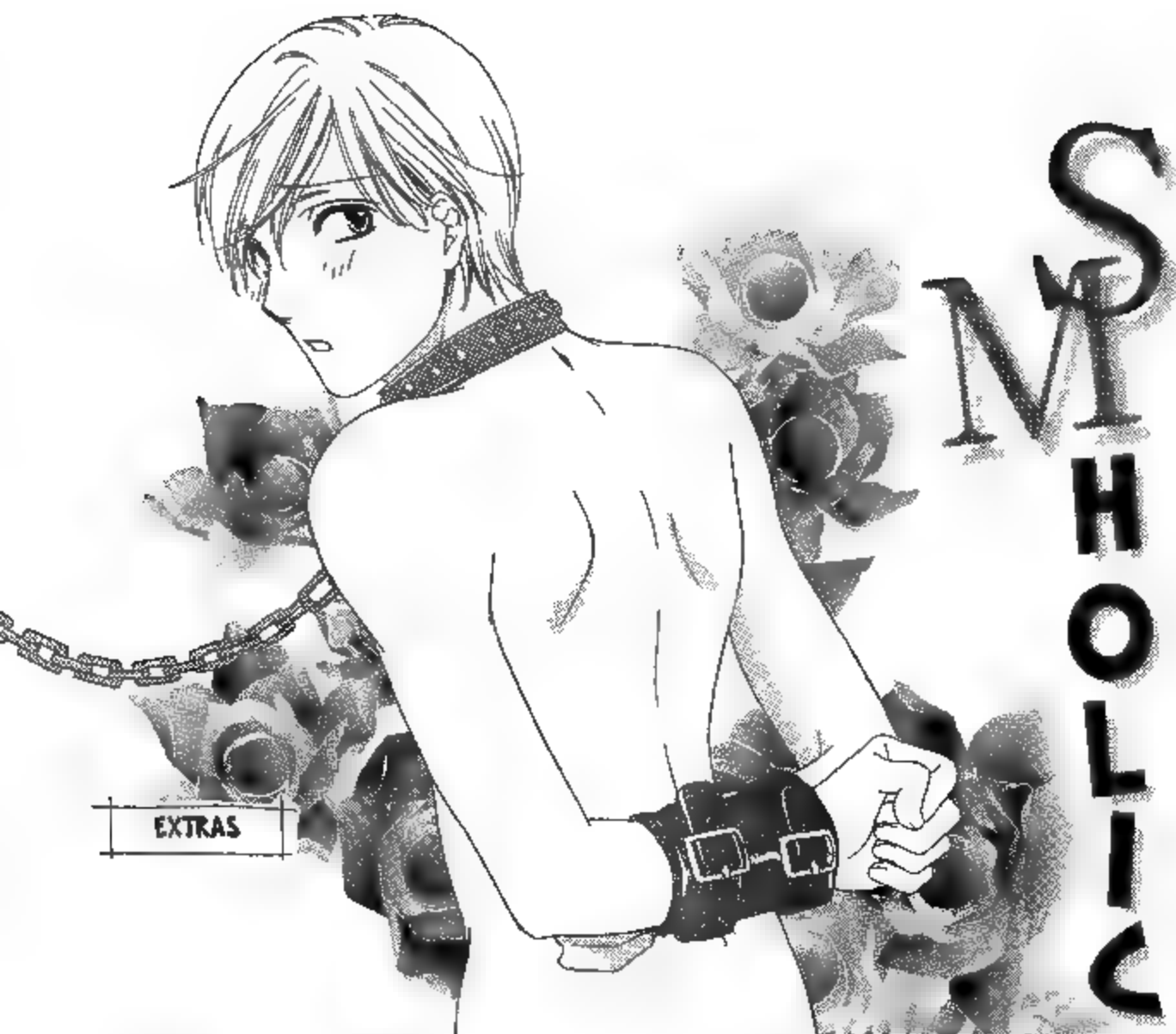
Hapi Mari Volume 06 Chapter 24 + Extra

,ojoda	crow	:SCANNER
	mari	:TRANSLATOR
argentum	ic esto	:PROOFREADER
grim reaper & argentum	ic esto	:EDITORS
	craxx	:QUALITY CHECK

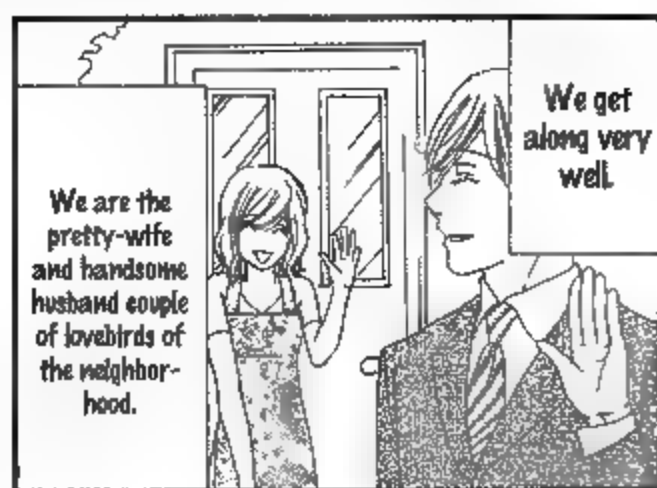
I thank all the staff who hold my hand during this journey. *sniff

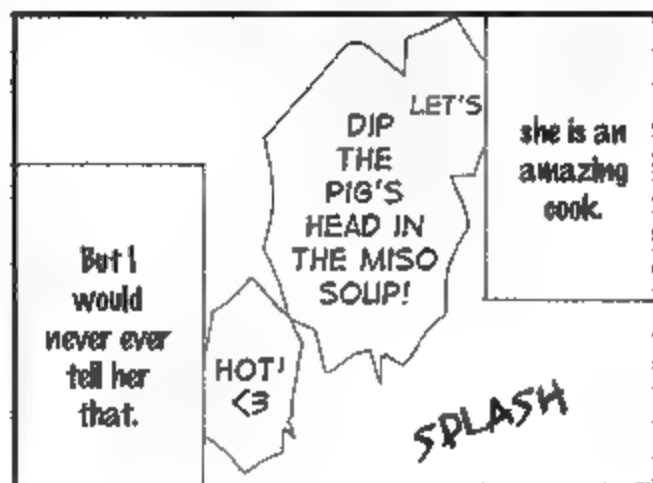
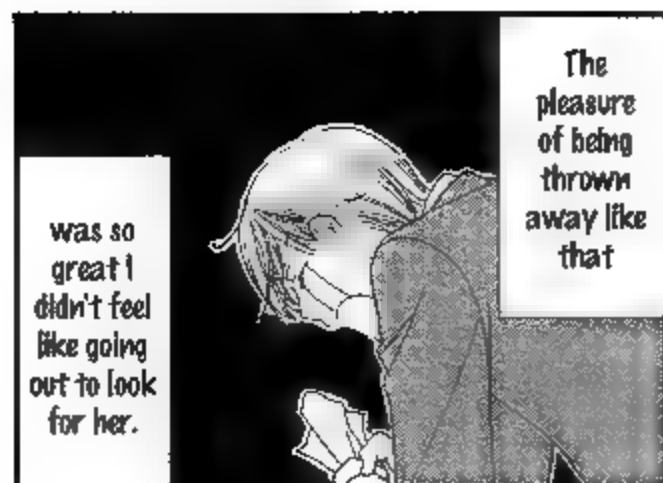
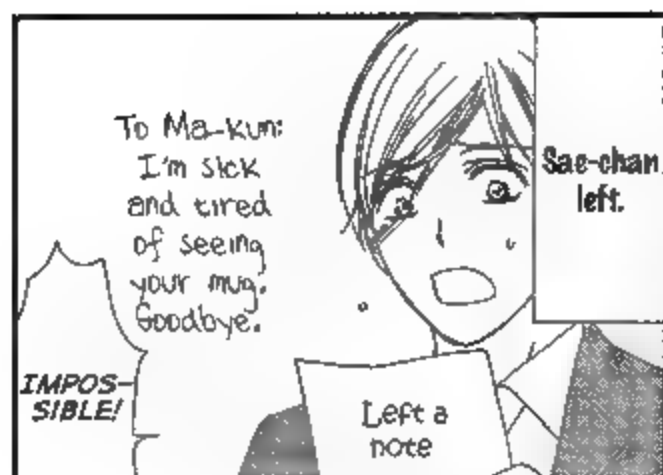
-craxx





EXTRAS







As expected, several days later...



A little after that,

I saw Sae-chan walking with another man.



I greet her with an angelic smile.

IT'S ALL RIGHT. WELCOME BACK, SAE-CHAN.



SHE'S WITH ANOTHER GOOD FOR NOTHING MAN...



MA-KUN!

I'm the only one who will have her.

SAE-CHAN!

And she is the only one who understands my feelings.



But that doesn't hurt me.

Because I know very well that she...



We are the very bestest couple in the world!



Because Sae-chan always ends up picking S men.

is the worst when it comes to picking her men.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME, THAT'S NOT FORE-PLAY!

NO, I'M SERIOUS, STOP IT NOW!

Two sadists

Back to the start.

<SM Holic> *The End*



The SHOLIC came home + N



What?! She's
so cute! Just
my type!

Eh...



I work
part-time
in an SM
goods shop.

Nothing
to do.

I'm
Norio
(23).



Are they
going to use
that... Eh?!

How
about
this one?

Eh. I
don't
like
it...

What is such
a pure and
innocent girl
doing here?!

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

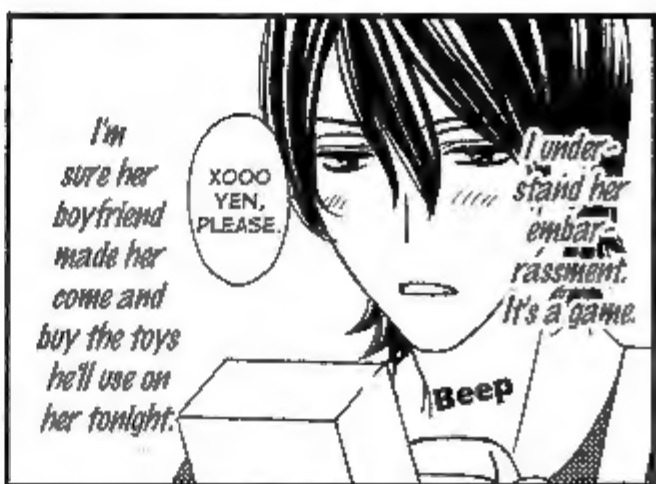
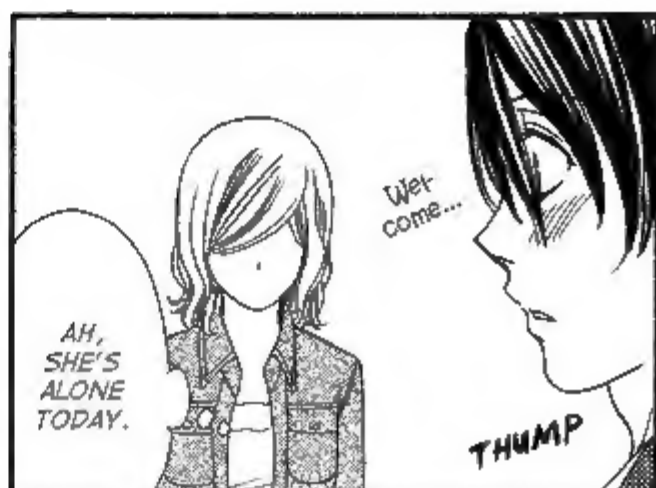


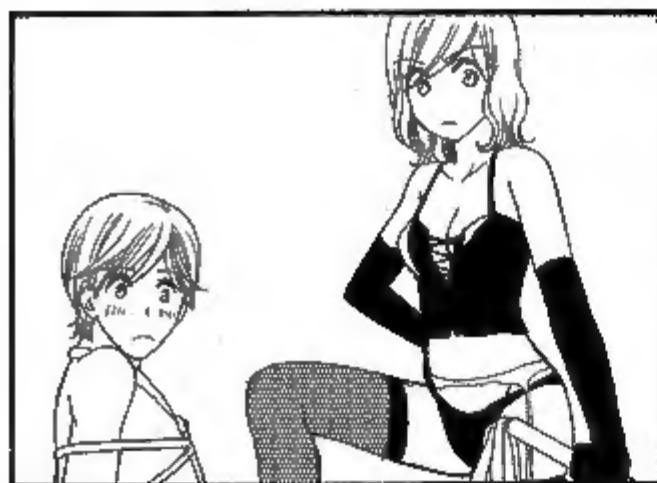
I
failed during
the job-hunt
last year, so...
(meaning,
nobody but
this shop
would hire
me.)

Open

I don't
have any
interest
in such
things at
all.

Ah,
Custom-
ers.





<The SM Holic came home + N> *The End*